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VOTE TOMORROW! Elections begin tomorrow and this issue features the return of Hack-o-rama. Flip to page 11 to see the candidates torn to shreds. If you'd rather read more fact-based information, check out pages 3-7 for all the goods on VP external candidates Samantha Power and Tim Smith; presidential candidates Graham Lettier, Wayne Poon, Alex Abboud, Mustafa Hirji, Danny Bennett, and Spanky the Wonder Elf; the SU health plan and the APIRG elections.

LEANNIE FONG, MATT FREHNER, NICOLE WOOD, NATHILENADEOU

Edmonton bids for Universiade

ROBIN COLLUM
Sports Writer

The University of Alberta and the City of Edmonton announced last week that they're hoping to bring the World University Games back to Edmonton.

In a joint proposal to Canadian Interuniversity Sport, the two will apply for the opportunity to submit a bid to host the 2011 Summer Universiade.

"We're a really good city in which to have an event," said Candace Stansyce, a project manager in the Edmonton city manager's office.

"Edmonton citizens know how to plan, organize and put on an event like this."

The World University Games are an international sporting competition and cultural celebration held every other year. Among multi-sport competitions, the Winter and Summer Universiade are considered second only to the Olympics. Edmonton hosted the summer games in 1983.

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Lewis warns of global shift to the individual

CAITLIN CRAWSHAW
News Editor

"It's always a pleasure for me to stand in front of a sea of smiling faces in one of Canada's most progressive communities," joked Avi Lewis to a roaring crowd at his University of Alberta talk last Wednesday.

"What is at work in our country, and what is at work on our planet, is a logic, a rigid orthodoxy that says there is only one recipe, only one way to run an economy."

AVI LEWIS,
DIRECTOR OF THE TAKE

The director of *The Take* and former host of CBC's *CounterSpin* spoke on campus for the Students' Union's Revolutionary Speakers Series, delivering a talk entitled, "We Know What

You're Against, But What Are You For?"

"Here you are at the heart of the most vicious right-wing politics in Canada, and whenever I am here, I inevitably find a spirit of constructive rage and an articulate resistance," Lewis said.

"For me, [this] is a metaphor for a kick in my activist butt to be reminded that the most embattled lefties in the land have the most battle in them."

For Lewis, there are a lot of things to be against. He cited the rise of neo-conservative politics in Canada as a trend worth fighting against. The pinnacle of this political and economic shift, he noted, was then-finance minister Paul Martin's 1995 budget, which cut federal money to the provinces but placed fewer restrictions on the funds. As a result, the federal government has yielded a surplus each year, while the provinces experience deficits. These conditions, said Lewis, have structured more conservative economic and political policies across the provinces.

"I believe [the 1995 budget] was the most profound achievement for the far right that the country has ever had," remarked Lewis.

As a result of this structure, provincial governments like Alberta's have



MATT FREHNER

FIGHT BACK! Avi Lewis urges students to stand against neo-conservatism.

scaled down the public sector, arguing that funding is lacking. This contributes, for instance, to less government funding of universities.

Lewis cited the U of A's \$600 million in deferred maintenance costs as an example of insufficient postsecondary funding. However, the trend in Canada towards a smaller public

sphere and greater individual responsibility to care for oneself is a global phenomenon, in Lewis' view.

"What is at work in our country, and what is at work on our planet, is a logic, a rigid orthodoxy that says there is only one recipe, only one way to run an economy," he said.

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Private colleges petition for public funding

ROSS MOROZ

News Writer

Four privately owned, church-affiliated university colleges in Alberta may soon be receiving public funding, pending the outcome of an application currently under review by the provincial government.

Alliance University College, Nazarene University College and St. Mary's University College of Calgary, in collaboration with Edmonton's Taylor University College, made a joint submission last July asking the provincial government for base operating grants similar to those received by other university colleges in the province. As of now, the four schools receive no public funding.

"We are funded by donation and a large private-donor base," explained Dr. David Williams, vice-president (academic) of Taylor University College.

The college is owned by the North American Baptist Church and was founded in 1939 as the Christian Training Institute. In 1966 the school changed its name to North American Baptist College, which it was known as until 2001, when it received university college designation from

the province.

Noting that the province already funds several Christian colleges, including Edmonton's Lutheran-owned Concordia University College and the Seventh Day Adventist-sponsored Canadian University College in Lacombe, Williams is confident that the provincial government will approve Taylor's application.

"I think the province is committed to providing quality education for a wide range of students."

DR DAVID WILLIAMS,
VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC),
TAYLOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

"I think the province is committed to providing quality education for a wide range of students," Williams said.

"Some students want to attend a public university, others are more comfortable in a private religious college. It's in recognition of the plurality

of Alberta that the government should fund these private institutions."

Williams said that, like Edmonton's Concordia University College, open to students of all faiths.

"[Taylor] has a number of students who are not Baptist. We have students from a large range of different denominations, including Alliance and Pentecostal," he said.

While all four of the institutions requesting funding are owned and operated by churches, Alberta's Ministry of Advanced Education insists that the religious nature of the schools has not prevented them from receiving public funds, nor will it factor into determining if their application will be approved.

"The key to the decision-making process isn't the religious component. These institutions were only recently granted the ability to offer undergraduate degree programs, so they are now applying for the funding," said Ministry spokesperson Con Staney.

"These are private, non-profit institutions that are now allowed to offer undergraduate degrees. Because they offer those programs we are considering their applications. Religion doesn't come into play."

The Students' Union and the University of Alberta has done its fair share of lobbying for government funding, and for the most part the SU supports the Christian university colleges' attempt to receive public money, albeit with some important caveats.

"Our stance is that we support publicly funded education and accessibility at a wide range of institutions," said SU President Jordan Blatz, although he is concerned about where this new money will come from.

"If the government wants to fund these schools we support that, but the funding cannot be taken away from the existing institutions, which have been [starved] for too long," said Blatz.

Blatz also questioned the philosophy behind the government's current funding plan.

"The whole 'Campus Alberta' idea is that you get the students into the system and that you give them the choice of where they want to go. It's good to create more spaces, but those spaces need to be created across the board," he said.

"It's unlikely somebody wanting to attend the U of A would be happy with Taylor as a second choice. They appeal to a very specific group of people."

CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

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NOISY KNOCKER NABBED

At approximately 1 a.m. on Sunday, 6 March, 5-0 received a call regarding an intoxicated male who had gained access to the interior of the Garneau walk-ups. The man was continually banging on the complainant's door. The woman knew the boozier but was concerned by his rambunctious behaviour. 5-0 arrested the man for public intoxication and transported him to the temporary holding facility on campus.

SECURITY STOPS SCUFFLE

On Tuesday, 1 March at about 7 p.m., 5-0 observed two males fighting on 112 Street near 85 Avenue. The brawlers were separated and identified as having extensive criminal records.

One of the males was classified as a habitual offender. The fighters attempted to provoke 5-0 into a fight but were unsuccessful. Both males were formally trespasses from University property and escorted off campus.

INDECENT INCIDENT INVESTIGATED

Campus Security received a call that a man was committing an indecent act in the bushes on Saskatchewan Drive on Monday, 28 February. The male was described as approximately 5'10" with dark skin and wearing green pants. Constables identified a suspect matching the description provided, but the matter remains under investigation.

CAR CAREENS THROUGH CROSSWALK

At approximately 7 p.m. on Monday, 28 February, Campus Security stopped a vehicle for failing to yield to a pedestrian at 112 Street and 85 Avenue. The vehicle displayed plates and the driver stated that he was picking up his wife for a test drive. The driver did not have a valid driver's license and was subsequently arrested. After consulting with the dealership, his wife was allowed to return the vehicle.

REC REPORTS REVIVING BIKE RIPPED OFF

On Monday, 28 February, Campus Recreation staff reported the theft of a stationary bike from the Van Vleet Centre. The theft occurred sometime between 12 and 20 February. The bike was a Startrac Model V valued at \$1400. If you have any information, please contact Campus Security at 492-5050.

McGill students concerned about anti-plagiarism software

ELIZABETH SHURCLIFF
The McGill Daily

from resolved, and the committee on student affairs is assuming no concerns remain about the ethics of text-matching software.

"I don't feel as if the University recognizes the importance of student property rights," he said.

Reed said the Senate, which is significantly larger and has higher student representation, would have been a better venue for his question.

But Bryan disagreed, maintaining the committee is a more efficient venue to deal with the issue.

"Progress will probably happen at a faster rate than it would in Senate, which might be too big for any useful discussion of the issue," he said.

Dean of Students Bruce Shore, who is conducting product research, was not available for comment.

But Linda Starkey, chair of the academic integrity subcommittee of the committee on student affairs, said no proposals for text-matching software have been made yet.

"Any software that would be selected will follow McGill's policy on intellectual property rights," she said.

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STREETERS

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Students' Union
elections start
tomorrow and there are
six people vying for the
position of president.

Who are you voting for
for SU president?



Jonathan Balazas
Arts II

I don't know, but I'm not voting for Wayne Poon. I don't like him. Here's another reason why: my mom teaches art history and had the candidates come into her class. She told me, "Don't vote for that Poon guy; he's boring." My mom told me not to vote for Wayne Poon.



Darren Balderson
Business III

I'm gonna vote for Danny Bennett because I like his purple poster.



Izabela Bielenko
Psychology IV

Wayne Poon I think, but I'm not sure why. I just heard him speak and it was very convincing—the best one I've heard.



Sona Charda
Interior Design I

I might not vote because I'm a part-time student and it really means nothing to me. But if I had to, I'd probably vote for Poon.

VPX candidates want to engage the community

NATALIE CLIMENHAGA
News Writer

The Students' Union's relations with the community and the provincial government are critical to its success, and are managed by the vice-president (external). This year Samantha Power and Tim Smith are squaring off for the position.

1 What issues would you present to Alberta's new Ministry of Advanced Education, aside from concerns over the cost of tuition?

Samantha Power: Student-loan reform. I think it's a big one. We need to change the parental contributions. Currently, students who live at home are not able to get student loans, even though their parents might not be paying for their education, which I think is a huge deterrence to the people who are coming to this campus. Especially since it's a huge commuter campus, we have a lot of people still living at home. So we need to fight for something called a family contribution, which is increasing the part-time earnings allowance for students to \$400 a month. This will allow a loan to be given more easily. It isn't obviously the answer, we don't want loans continuing, but it is a part-time solution.

Tim Smith: Primarily, aside from the issue of tuition, I think another main issue facing students today is student-loan policy. Right now, the way student-loan policy is calculated fails to address the unmet need that so many students face today. What I want to see is a reassessment of the way student-loan policy works in order that we can better meet the needs of students today, so that they can actually have the funds available to make education affordable to them.

2 How would you promote student concerns in the broader community?

Power: Through the media. Media campaigns are something that I'm quite familiar with. I've worked on several media campaigns for environmental organizations and issues in the community. You can put together a media campaign with five people and \$20 to your name and you get four or five media organizations outside.

The Students' Union needs to be using its resources more wisely. We have a campus campaigns coordinator who should be creating on-campus campaigns and an advocacy director who should be coordinating provincial campaigns and working on those types of issues. The media is a huge tool. It's actually why we see this tuition freeze happening this time, because the media's finally paying attention to postsecondary issues and because we've put pressure on the issues.

Smith: What I want to do is use primarily paid advertising. I think that was an incredibly wise decision by the SU this year. However, I think that needs to go further. I want to use an expansion of the rural tour that was used this summer to address families in the

outer communities, families with students who are actually going to be going to postsecondary education [institutions] because those are the families that are actually going to care. That is where a lot of our advocacy can be dependent on.

As well, I want to focus on community organizations such as community features, film corporations as well as town councils and chambers of commerce. Anybody who is a strong supporter, we're going to definitely turn to and look for their support in making sure that our voice is heard at the governmental level.

3 What are your strategies to ensure the provincial government respects student concerns?

Power: I'd like to build coalitions with outside organizations. If you look at the Law Society and the Alberta Teacher's Association, they're lobbying for the same things we are, but we're not joining them in that fight. The Law Society has been lobbying against differential tuition for a while now and if we were to join up with them and say that accessible education leads to a diverse economy, then the government is more likely to pay attention to our concerns as well and realize that postsecondary is what is good for Alberta.

There are environmental organizations that can help us with the U-Pass issues, and NGOs that can help us with on-campus concerns. So there are organizations all over the place that have the resources and they've had success with the government. We need to be learning from them and using their expertise in that area to gain the attention of the government.

Smith: Essentially what I want to do is make sure the government understands that postsecondary education is an investment. But I also want the government to understand that we take this very seriously, that we are operating not simply as a student interest group but rather as an official representation of the students of the University of Alberta. I want them to understand that our message is not only coming from this campus but from students on campuses across the province and from families who will be facing the very same issues in a short time as well.

4 Given the chance to communicate the wishes of undergraduate students to the powers that be, which game would you choose: charades or Pictureionary?

Power: That's a tough question. I would have to say Pictureionary because it would be easier to illustrate my idea for building coalitions with people by drawing people holding hands.

Smith: I think Pictureionary would be fun because it would give me a chance to develop my cartoonist skills; I think that'd be a great job. Perhaps I could draw several cases of Kraft dinner and send that to the government. I think that would be a fair enough message.

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Presidential candidates focus on big picture for SU

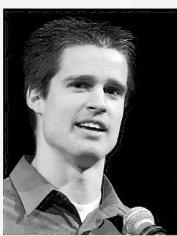
IRIS TSE
News Writer

As the leader of the Students' Union, the president is arguably the most visible and important decision-maker in the organization. However, they face the challenge of defining an all-encompassing position. This year's presidential race is the most competitive category out of the six Executive positions with six candidates. They are Alex Abboud, Danny Bennett, Mustafa Hirji, Graham Lettier, Wayne Poon, and Spanky the Wonder Elf.

1 What is the main focus of your platform?

Alex Abboud: If I have to sum up what I want to do as president, it is to improve the quality of education and student life on campus. In addition to that, the focus of my platform is to provide tangible ways that we can improve our lives as students in all different areas such as the SU, our education, and the cost of attending the U of A.

Danny Bennett: It's to be the voice of the students. I think right now the students are disconnected from the SU and I want to fix that. I think it's important that we use faculty associations to do that so the SU can talk about the issues that matter to each specific faculty. The other part of my platform is tuition and textbooks. I went around and talked to students and that's what they said they felt were important.



Danny Bennett.

Mustafa Hirji: The focus of my platform is about moving the SU from working on short-term pet projects, things that we can complete in one year, back to the big issues. Things like tuition, student-loan reforms, quality of education, and building campus community. These are big issues and difficult issues that can't be solved in one year. But because they're difficult and execs want to get something done while they're in

office, they've tended to be ignored in the past.

Graham Lettier: My platform focuses on engaging the students. A lot of the reasons why our Students' Union has been failing in the past at advocacy and at promoting the community on campus is because of their top-down approach to things. Instead, you really need to get students involved in designing, planning and executing events. That way, they're going to take ownership of it and they're going to let the Wonder Elf.



MATT FREHNER

Wayne Poon: My main focus is connecting the Students' Union with students: being able to interact and ask students out there any questions about a variety of campus issues, ranging from tuition, to quality of education, to student-life issues such as the Powerplant. I think the students out there have valuable input and a variety of ideas that can be applied to the SU. Part of the SU mission statement is meeting student needs and I don't think enough people know that. In order to meet those needs, we need to find out what they are. So not only connecting the students in the main campus here, but also students at Faculté Saint-Jean and Augustana as well.

Spanky the Wonder Elf: I just want to bring a real change. I know I can't do everything all at once, so I'm going to focus on one big thing at a time and not try to attack everything to the point that nothing is done. We want free parking for students. If you can afford a car, and registration, and insurance, and gas, and can find a place, then go nuts.

We want to bring down tuition. This is easily achievable. We have a nuclear reactor in Dentistry-Pharmacy that we are not using for evil purposes—yet. We can use it to exploit smaller universities for tuition money, for U-Pass money. Really, we have unlimited funding

as far as I am concerned. Right now we are just not exploiting the right resources.

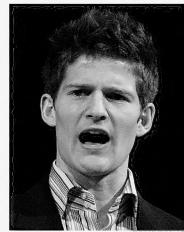
2 With six candidates in the running, how do you distinguish yourself from the other candidates?

Abboud: My experience with the SU as the VP (external) and some of the accomplishments we have had this year. And in terms of my platform, I'm going to talk more about specific tangible ideas that we can accomplish next year.

Bennett: I think it's my tuition plan. The other candidates have said that they want to change tuition and come up with plans to do that, but none of them have a firm, set plan to do that. I plan to change around the budget at the University level and then work with, rather than against, the University to bring about the necessary changes. Right now there's a deficit in the budget that our tuition goes towards. ... We will decrease the deficit by changing the budget surrounding it.

Hirji: My focus is on the big issues. If you look at the other candidates, they're very much focused on short-term projects like 24-hour phone lines, athletics or new programming in the bars. They aren't focused on the big issues and have yet to put forward the bigger plans. The second thing is that I'm putting forward much more detailed and professional strategies for dealing with these big issues, instead of just listing bullet points of "this is what I'm going to do."

The third thing is that I think I have a lot more depth of knowledge and experience in the Students' Union. I have been on campus since 1999. I have been involved with the SU since 2000. I have served on several SU committees. I have served in the University government on several GFC committees and on the University Senate. I know how the system works inside and out.



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Graham Lettier.

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Letter: I think the other candidates are focusing on small changes such as changes to WebCT, tweaking the student-loan system, or a different approach to lobbying. I don't think that's going to make a big impression. We're still going to be back here next year with 20 per cent voter turnout, with the same kind of disconnection between students and the SU, and we really need to take a larger, more profound approach at the entire situation. It really comes down to the fact that the SU is just not meeting students at their own level.



Wayne Poon.

Poon: It's my focus of student interaction and getting them involved in the SU. I'm going to do this by getting out of the office if I'm elected, and talking to students; encourage the VPs to come with me and go to CAB and do exactly what we've been doing during elections; asking the students on their opinions on campus issues such as advocacy, tuition, Bill 1 and the Powerplant. The SU has a whole bunch of people deeply involved ... they have great ideas. But we should also look at the general student population because they also have ideas that will probably be different and just as good.

Spanky: It's the hat.

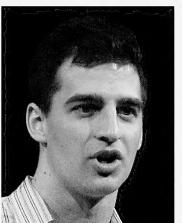
3 In the past, the SU has made a tuition freeze/decrease its main focus. With the tuition freeze in place next year, how else are you going to tackle the tuition issue?

Abboud: The tuition freeze that we secured this year is something that Jordan [Blatz] and I worked on a lot this year. It's a good start, but it only addresses one year and doesn't address what happens in 2006 and beyond. The government is reviewing its tuition policy, which determines how much tuition costs and how much it can go up. I see three steps that we have to be involved in. We need to figure out what the fair and affordable level of tuition is and we need to get the public on our side, and make sure that student interests are heard front and centre by the government.

Bennett: Right now, all of our tuition goes into the operating budget and 15 per cent of that budget is made up of utilities. The government has said that they'd pay for these utilities ... but they're not making up the full cost

because of inflation and that's where the deficit comes from. So, by putting utilities into the capital budget, which has a surplus right now, we could eliminate the deficit in the operating budget. That way we can combine our advocacy efforts with the University and become more powerful. And also, I think it's important ... to increase the portion of the SU budget that goes into advocacy. Right now it's at 2.5 to five per cent, and I feel like that needs to increase.

Hirji: First off, what we have next year isn't a tuition freeze; it's a tuition credit that just means we don't have to pay for the increase next year. But this is a one-time thing. What's important here is that the government announced that they want to put together a new tuition policy which will probably last in the range of ten to 15 years, and we need to make sure this policy ends up being as beneficial to the students as possible. I've outlined the most professional approach to dealing with government. It's going to be a two-pronged approach: using public opinion campaigns to get the public on our side, and lobbying to all levels of government directly. We need to craft a message that's going to get the public on side so we can stick to it for several years and have consistent messaging. In addition, I don't think it's good enough to meet with the minister of [advanced] education a few times a year. We need to meet with his bureaucrats and advisors who influence him year-round.



Alex Abboud.

Letter: The tuition freeze isn't a victory for the SU; it's an opportunity. [The tuition freeze] really came by because [the Conservatives] lost two seats in the provincial election. But it does give us a window of opportunity to really make a difference this year. The SU needs to take one solid, coherent message to the administration and to the province and make that message heard.

The University does have an enormous budget, but it's not always directed toward improving the quality of our education. They need to refocus funding on undergraduate learning. But we need to have student support and we need to engage [students] to voice their own concerns or else we're going to be back to what we had this year with the Students' Union rallying repeatedly, yet there are still no tangible results.

NATHALIE NADEAU
Spanky the Wonder Elf.

Poon: I think it involves a lot of interaction between the Executive and the University administration. We both have to be on the same page when we talk with officials from the government about the new tuition policy that they wanted to create. I want to make sure that students will value this tuition policy and believe why the Alberta government is doing what it is useful and applicable to them. And part of that is by talking to students and asking them what they think of the tuition freeze. Do you think realistically we can decrease tuition? And [by] asking them how much they think tuition should cost.

Spanky: If we get another tuition increase next year, it'd be 25 straight years of tuition increases, which we hope to solve by using our nuclear reactor to threaten other universities. But if we decide not to go to the totally evil route, we can convince Mr Klein that we deserve another tuition freeze to celebrate our anniversary for 25 straight years of tuition increases.

4 Former SU President Mat Brechel was affectionately dubbed "dreamy eyes" by a certain campus media outlet in 2002. What is your dreamiest body part?

Abboud: I'm going to say I have the dreamiest hair. It's nice—look at it!

Bennett: I'd have to say the eyes. I know I'm getting into [Mat] Brechel's territory. But you know what? He was elected.

Hirji: My mouth. Because I'm a long-winded person who talks way too much for my own good. I can put people to sleep.

Letter: I think it's definitely my sharply defined features that almost harken back to my German heritage. Had Zoolander come by four years later, I could've been in the cast. [Does "blue steel" facial expression.]

Poon: I'll have to go with my hair. It's really odd for me to say that. Because when I don't gel my hair, my friends always touch it and say it's so fuzzy and soft.

Spanky: The hat, everybody digs the hat. The beard is good, too.

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Proponents and opponents debate merits of SU health plan

The Students' Union introduced a health plan as a referendum question this year, but there are some who disagree with the proposal. Take a look at how Sean Vingea of the "Yes" and Chris Jones of the "No" side defend their arguments.

MARY HULBERT
News Writer

1 Why do you think the University health plan is a good idea?

Vingea: It's a good idea for a lot of reasons: It's been needed for almost 15 years, and it's been a long time coming. This is the third attempt at the health plan; it's failed twice before. We have spent a lot of work finding a different provider. We have found Studentcare.net/works, and they work solely with universities. I think our University needs this plan because of the rising cost in prescription drugs, and the fact that Alberta healthcare continues to cut back on services that they should be providing. They're not providing to students what they need. With rising costs of housing and tuition, they're also going to have to worry about paying for their prescription drugs.

2 Who do you think this plan will benefit?

Vingea: This plan aims to benefit those who are not already covered by another health plan, either through their employer, or through their parents. People who may be new to the country, or over the age of 25, [as] they are no longer covered by their parents' insurance anymore. That group is basically who this health plan is for. Also, this plan will provide confidentiality. As the student, the plan is under your name, it's not under your parent's name. And through most insurance companies, when you need prescription drugs for, let's say gonorrhea medicine, you don't have to go to your parents to get that prescription.

3 Compared to other universities, how does the U of A health plan stack up?

Vingea: I think the U of A is a great school that looks after its students in many ways. I think the research we've done looking for the best provider for the health plan, going to meet with them months and months ago, they are going to provide the U of A with the best available plan. I think that's what our students want, and I think that's what our students deserve.

4 Why do you think there is a need for this health plan?

Vingea: There's a couple reasons. One, as I mentioned, the rising cost of healthcare, and the fact that the Alberta government continues to cut back on it. Also, because of the rising student age. As the average age increases, more and more students who are undergraduates are finding themselves over the age of 25. They're over that magic barrier where they're no longer covered by their parents, and it's scary without that. With the health plan, you're covered 80 per cent, and that's all that needs to be made up from somewhere else in terms of that person's budget.

5 What does the U of A plan entail?

Vingea: The plan covers 80 per cent of prescription drug costs, including oral contraceptives, stop-smoking aids, and diabetes supplies. It also covers eye exams, eyeglasses, physiotherapy, and vaccinations. The plan is good anywhere in Canada. If you go on vacation out of the country, the plan will cover up to 60 days.

MARY HULBERT
News Writer

1 Why do you think the University health plan is a bad idea?

Chris Jones: First, it's unnecessary. The average amount of money that students who weren't insured spent on healthcare last year, and that includes dental care, was \$36. The proposed health plan would charge \$114.

The second reason is that it's unustainable. For it to be sustainable the money coming out has to be less than or equal to the money coming in ... or else the amount that the plan charges in the next year needs to go up. Alternatively, they can [cap] the money you can get out in terms of benefits.

The third point is ... it's actually going to end up impacting students with low incomes disproportionately. These students tend to have less probability of having private insurance, which then would allow them to opt out. That's \$114 that needs to be made up from somewhere else in terms of that person's budget.

Finally ... about \$15 of the \$114 that you're paying actually goes to the operation of Studentcare.net/works. It works out to about \$200 000 [per year] to run the plan, and that's money coming out of students' pockets.

I'm opposed to this health plan ... I think that the SU should run its own health plan to cover catastrophic illness or ambulance coverage. You can do it for about \$15 to \$20 a year.

2 Why are we better off without this health plan?

Jones: We are better off without it because students don't have the choice to opt out if

they don't want it, unless they already have coverage that is acceptable to the SU. We're also better off because staying out of this specific health plan allows us to decide to go for a better one, one that wouldn't put money into the hands of the insurance companies, and one that would actually be sustainable in the long run.

3 Compared to other universities, how does the U of A health plan stack up?

Jones: It's a fairly standardized thing. The big difference is actually not part of this plan, but rather is part of the pharmacy in the Bookstore that the University already subsidizes for some prescriptions, actually, most prescriptions, in some cases to a fairly large extent. There's less urgency this year to have the sort of prescription coverage that there might be elsewhere.

4 How easy is it to opt out?

Jones: If you can prove that you have [health coverage], you would need to get the insurance certificate from your parent or your employer's company ... that may or may not be easy. ... It's an extra strain, because not only do you have to think about opting out, you have to go through the process of getting the documentation.

5 Who decides whether or not your coverage is adequate?

Jones: The contract says that if you have one or more of the core areas, which include prescriptions and supplementary health, that are comparable to the SU's plan, then the decision is made by [Studentcare.net/works].

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All positions in APIRG election go uncontested

JARED BACHYNSKI
News Writer

In conjunction with the Students' Union elections, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group will be holding elections this week for next year's Board of Directors.

APIRG, an organization funded by a dedicated fee paid by students, will offer a separate ballot distributed at SU polling stations in almost every major University building on Wednesday and Thursday.

Kim Smith, a two-time elected board member, urges students to vote despite the fact that there are nine candidates running for nine positions.

"It's definitely not an ideal situation. But it is still important to look at how well-qualified the candidates are and only vote for the people you think are qualified," she said.

Voters don't need to vote "yes" for all candidates. The ballots are yes or no, and any candidate receiving more than 50 per cent "no" will not be elected.

The nine candidates running for the board include Amanda Leigh-Hanson, Anna Strifko, Ariel Bowering, Carmen Sadoway, Darren Lau, Jason Biazan, Kevan Hunter, Rob Butz, and Stephanie Shantz.

According to Smith, APIRG gives students the opportunity to improve their communities by providing support, training and ideas to help stu-

dents devote their time to the issues that they choose.

"We've run workshops on everything from anti-oppression training, to how to make posters, to how to organize a rally," said Smith.

"...APIRG in the past couple of years has definitely gained a reputation for board members being incredibly overworked. Board members give their lives to APIRG right now."

KIM SMITH,
CURRENT APIRG BOARD MEMBER

"[These are] basic things that we've forgotten how to do."

APIRG also provides funding to students who wish to attend educational events, coordinate research on public-interest issues, or form working groups to address specific problems.

Current working groups include Students for Free a Tibet, Campus Community Garden, and the Alternatives to the Canadian Banking and Economic System.

Directors of APIRG are responsi-

sible for long-term strategic planning as well as ensuring that APIRG acts according to its mandate, selecting and supervising working groups, and helping with day-to-day operations. APIRG bylaws also give successfully elected directors the power to appoint further directors if less than nine candidates are elected.

Smith sees the relatively low candidate turnout as an indication that APIRG is in need of change.

"The fact that we only have nine candidates signifies that APIRG has to make it more desirable for undergraduates to run for the board. APIRG in the past couple of years has definitely gained a reputation for board members being incredibly overworked. Board members give their lives to APIRG right now."

Currently, board members commit an average of ten hours or more per week to the organization.

And, according to APIRG Outreach Coordinator Leah Orr, it might take the board a bit of time to lose its reputation for requiring intense commitment.

She added that it is important that students vote, as APIRG should administer student funds as students wish.

"I think it's fairly important, not only that students know we're here, but that we're also administering their funds, so they should have a say in who represents them in that capacity."

Lewis commends Argentina for effective activism

LEWIS • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In Argentina, for instance, severe free market policies led to complete economic collapse at the beginning of the millennium. Thousands of factories were closed, and much of the country's wealth left suddenly with the rich citizens who became aware of the impending economic downturn fled Argentina. Many Argentinians were left unemployed, and struggled to find ways to support themselves.

However, in response to the economic collapse, Argentinians began to create employment and regain political power. People began talking about politics in the streets and new social movements began.

One of these movements was a country-wide reopening of closed factories. Workers tired of being unemployed, broke into hundreds of factories and simply started them up

again. Lewis' film, *The Take*, chronicles the movement.

"[The factory movement in Argentina] has taught me a lot of valuable lessons about a kind of activism that is impatient and democratic."

AVI LEWIS,
DIRECTOR OF *THE TAKE*

"[The factory movement in Argentina] has taught me a lot of valuable lessons about a kind of activism that is impatient and effective and

democratic," said Lewis.

He added that the job of Canadian activists is to adapt strategies like those taken in Argentina to suit circumstances here.

Lewis also stressed that, while Argentina's economic collapse was extreme and sudden, the country's economic practices were not unlike those in Canada.

For that reason, Canadians need to start fighting conservative trends. Rather than simply arguing what they are against, Lewis said citizens need to stand up and decide what they are for.

"Argentina was turbo-capitalism with no breaks, at hyperspeed," said Lewis.

"I'm not going to say that [Canada has] got there yet, but the bare bones of the economic recipe are the same, and the results could be dangerously similar, one day."



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Get out and vote, if only to make the candidates happy

EVERY YEAR, PEOPLE COME OUT of the woodwork and run for a job on the Students' Union Executive. They do so for many reasons, be it a dedication to the quality of education, to look out for the interests of their peers, or just to pad their resumes.

By doing so, they throw themselves into the public arena. Whether they're ready for it or not, running for office isn't easy; it's weeks of tireless work, asking for favours from friends, deferring classwork, designing posters, making pamphlets, sitting at tables and making speeches, all while managing a tiny budget.

During elections, even the smallest amount of time spent away from campaigning could mean the loss of the deciding vote, so personal time—and even sleep—often takes a back seat to shaking one more hand or speaking in front of one more class.

With this is going on, the candidates are being put under intense scrutiny from their opposition, from the Gateway, from every person who looks their way. Every false step reverberates like the sound of a shotgun and every minute mistake gets pounced on like meat in front of a hungry lion. All the while, there is intense doubt and stress and the next year of their life a mystery, thrown in the air by the whim of the electorate.

And in the end, it all might mean nothing. All the hard work, the sweat, the toil, could be for naught, as only one candidate can win each race, and the rest go home dejected.

Running for election sucks. It isn't fun, and it takes a certain kind of will. That may be the reason why this year there are two races acclaimed and two more with only two people running in them. Students simply don't have the time to leave classes, nor the money to leave their jobs, just to go through an emotional roller coaster for perhaps no gain.

Now this isn't to imply that all of those who are running deserve to win, or even have the best intentions for running, just that it should be recognized that what they do isn't easy, or fun, and as a student, I think we all have an obligation to repay the sacrifice they make by taking the time to make an informed decision and vote.

All of you should have received an e-mail telling you how and when you can vote—tomorrow and Thursday from 9am to 5pm, with your OneCard—so you have no excuse not to do it. You might not think that the Students' Union is an effective body, and you might even be right, but you should vote not only for your voice to be heard, but to show respect to those who chose the difficult path of running for election.

DANIEL KASZOR
Production Editor

APIRG isn't relevant to students

APIRG, IT SEEKS, is a bit of trouble. If you flip back a few pages and read the news article on the APIRG elections, it seems that they just barely have enough people to fill all of their board representative positions. According to Kim Smith, a past board member, this is due to board members being "incredibly overworked," at an average of ten hours per week.

Now call me crazy, but I think there's a bigger reason why APIRG can't only find so many people to run it: outside of the generally radically left-wing population of campus, very few people see any value in the work APIRG is doing. Now, I'm not saying that their work isn't valuable—certainly much of it is—but perception is nine-tenths of most things, and unless you really hate corporations and really love the environment, there's a fairly good chance APIRG isn't doing much of anything that interests you.

It's a bit of a shame, but it's inevitable: unless what you're doing is aimed at a fairly wide cross-section of people, you're going to have trouble finding people to get involved with your organization. Like it or not, APIRG is hardly an organization that is relevant for most students—hence, few people want to run it.

DAVID BERRY
Opinion Editor

LETTERS

Rodgers' critics display 'imperialism disguised as feminism'

Having read the letters printed 1 March regarding Jenna Rodgers' article on FGM ("We don't have a right to impose our cultural norms," 15 February; "Torture, mutilation of children is a violation of human rights," and "FGM is about human rights, Rodgers," 1 March), I feel compelled to comment.

I don't interpret Rodgers as suggesting a tacit support of female genital mutilation even if it appears so. I do think she touches on an unfortunate trend in Western feminism—that underneath the seemingly noble issue of intervention in FGM, there are other politics at play: imperialism disguised as feminism.

A good example of this is Laura Bush's appearance on television to promote the invasion of Afghanistan as means to save the women from the Taliban. Bush failed to highlight the US-backed training of the Taliban, or the pleasant visit made by the tyrannical group to the US just months before her plea. She also neglected to mention that Afghan women's groups, such as the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan, did not support the American invasion, seeing that most targets of American missiles ended up being women and their children. Indeed, as Arundhati Roy says, "You cannot bomb your way to feminist paradise."

Western deployment of "feminist" principles in foreign policy inspires cynicism, such as that held by Rodgers, simply because it is frequently only used as an excuse to invade countries under the guise of rescuing women from their barbaric men-folk. This continues a historical European legacy of framing Arab/African men as the greatest threats to women—never mind that the majority of female American soldiers raped in Iraq were attacked by their own male counterparts.

Discussion in the West of Arab and African women's issues portray the Western world as a haven in which women are totally free, which is also intensely problematic. Clearly we shouldn't condone FGM, but we should be wary about deploying these women's issues in an imperialist fashion.

When will there be a story about a radical women's movement from the global "periphery" emerging to enlighten the West, such as the recent prostitutes' rights movement in southern India? Women's movements in the global south do exist in great numbers and achieve great things, but most people here don't pay any attention to them.

TESS ELSWORTHY
Arts III

Turczyk's article 'ignorant,' 'malicious'

In regards to Kat Turczyk's article "Humanism to blame for sex-crazed 'Peter Pans'" (1 March); Ms Turczyk claims that "Humanism is giving sex-crazed folks everywhere the excuse that emotionally manipulating and pissing people off is totally



acceptable. In Jimmy's mind, reason prevails. Jimmy's motive is sex, his actions are that which will get him sex—disregarding any appalling things he may have to do to get it—and reason tells him that if he puts on a façade of charm and smooth talkin', he will get what he wants."

One wonders how much Ms Turczyk really knows about "humanism" and how much of it she has picked up from talk radio or the local Baptist sermon.

Humanists don't promote reason above compassion. One of the earliest humanist dictums is "First of all, do no harm"—sometimes this is known as the Hippocratic oath though this isn't strictly accurate. How would Ms Turczyk reconcile this tenet with her assertion that humanism excuses the emotional manipulation of people if another person achieves sexual satisfaction through this? Jimmy's actions are simply known as selflessness—a trait found in people of all persuasions. To place the blame for a fictitious Jimmy's actions at the doorstep of an ideology that seeks to make the world a better place is at best ignorant, at worst malicious.

FRANK JORDANS

Editor
New Humanist magazine

Participation in postsecondary education in all its many disciplines is a commendable achievement, and each student who has entered a faculty based on their strengths and interests is certainly admirable. It is therefore but necessary to continue to attempt to educate narrow-minded individuals such as yourself, Mr Teal, about the critical role of physical activity, sport, and recreation in our society. Perhaps one day I will be educating your children on the wonders of physical education and, who knows, I may even stir in your child such an appreciation for my discipline that they, too, will choose to enter the impressive faculty of physical education and recreation.

KATIE MAHON

Phys Ed I

Don't spread misconceptions, Teal

I was just tossing a football around in the pavilion with some of my jock peers when I decided to flip through a copy of the Gateway. After reading the paper, I thought I would take a moment to clarify Andrew Teal's misconceptions regarding the faculty of physical education and recreation ("Real faith needs real doubt," 3 March).

I was appalled to read the thoughtless opinion of one engineer

who feels as though his repu-

table faculty is somehow superior to the others. I certainly do not spend my time completing stress testing or calculating shear forces or load measurements, because I'm far too immersed in dissecting cadavers, testing anaerobic thresholds, learning the science of angular kinematics and studying for my neural physiology of human movement midterm. I must admit that nothing would thrill me more than the force of the heads of my metacarpals impacting your zygomatic arch. However, the respect for my fellow students surpasses my angry ambitions to reprimand you.

Geostatistical scholars replaced the variance of a single distance-weighted average with the variance of a set of distance-weighted averages. However, such variances are as invalid and meaningless a measure for variability as co-variances are for spatial dependence.

Log on to www.geostatscam.com or Google "Bre-X gold baron" to find out why geostatistics ought not to be taught at the University of Alberta. Most students are smart enough to recognize bad science when they see it, but some might benefit if you were to investigate whether or not the requirement of functional independence can be violated and the concept of degrees of freedom can be ignored.

JAN W MERKS
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You should vote for 'none of the above'



DAVID BERRY

If the past is any measure, only about 20 per cent of you—that is, if we're lucky—are going to vote in this year's SU election. In a year that featured some pretty dramatic changes for University of Alberta students, but one of the vanillest middlingest, subbankest collection of executives the SU has had in recent memory—there were no big scandals, but no big triumphs, either—it's fairly understandable that most students out there will feel pretty apathetic towards the role of the SU and the six hacks responsible for running the Executive branch of it. Hell, not even the SU types felt the need to actually get involved, hence the dual acclamation races for what are arguably the two most important vice-presidential positions, academic and operations/finance.

But to those of you who are planning on voting, I urge you to do one thing: vote "none of the above" in those aforementioned acclamation races. Frankly, for there to be not one, but two races that have only one candidate running unopposed is pathetic. It'd be bad enough that your average student can't muster up a little care for

every SU election, but the fact that amongst the vast group of people who involve themselves with the Students' Union, only one each save fit to run for these VP positions, is beyond sad.

But there is a way to fix this: making sure neither of the two candidates gets acclaimed. Now, I'm not saying this out of anything I have against the actual candidates; though Mat Johnson can't design a poster, he seems like he'd do a fine job as VP (academic), and Jason Tobias probably also be all right at managing our money, although it's a bit troubling that he doesn't seem to always know exactly what he's talking about up on those forum stages.

Frankly, for there to be not one, but two races that have only one candidate running unopposed is pathetic.

Still, though, it would be nice to see these two actually have to compete to get the job—if they're that qualified, surely they'll have no problem taking care of a few other contenders in a by-election.

And let's not forget the fact that the presidential race has five real candidates in it as well, at least three of whom—Hirji, Lettner and Abboud, at least in my mind—would be more than capable in either the VPA or VPOF

positions should they not find a higher place in the Exec. Hell, opening up the floor for a by-election would probably also bring in a host of other candidates who are able to do the job but for some reason weren't up for running the first time around, or maybe even an incumbent to help spice things up a bit further.

The only real problem I can see with the whole "none of the above" thing is that turnout for by-elections is even lower than the already feeble turnout of the regular elections, meaning a fairly important position—by which I mean something more than science councilor—could be elected by a pretty small portion of the student population. And there's always a chance that the reason there's only one person running for each position is because absolutely no one else wants said position. Still, though, I think a few vice-presidential positions are enough to get at least as many people out for a by-election as a regular one, whether they happen to be voting or running.

So, please, those one in five—or, if we're lucky, one in four—if you're voting, when you're filling in your little circles, mark down a "none of the above" for at least the two acclamation races—it would be an awful disservice to yourselves to let two people skate on to in fairly important positions. As for the rest of the races, I'd say vote "none of the above" as well, but that's not really because of any principle I have.

Presidential race has poor candidates this year

Lack of real experience hurts everyone's chances in race for top SU job



ROSS PRUSAKOWSKI

According to Henry Kissinger, "University politics are vicious, precisely because the stakes are so small." While most of the year the vicious internal tensions and rivalries of student politics are hidden from plain sight, once annually they get aired out for all students to see. That usually happens right around now, and again it's time for the Students' Union Executive election, when the will of 25 per cent of students gets to decide who will represent us and spend the many millions of dollars of our money collected over the last year.

When you look at the five real candidates for president, there isn't a clear, charismatic candidate who is promising important things that students care about. What's most worrisome than the lack of alluring campaign promises, though, is the utter lack of good SU experience among the candidates.

If vague platitudes from someone who can't tell a DPU apart from a DIE Board is something that you think is a good quality in a leader, then Danny Bennett is the choice for you. However, handing over a multi-million dollar organization funded by your money to someone who has no experience with the SU—or even a sizable student group, for that matter—is as insane as letting NHL players do brain surgery.

While it's a little more heartening to see that Wayne Poon has some experience with the glacial bureaucracy of the SU, the positive aspect of having some experience is more than offset by the fact that it comes from helping run the money shredder that is

Orientation. Poon's experience with wasting student money on volunteers and playing duck-duck-goose would be great if he was running for vice-president (Arts and crafts)—aka student life—but, unfortunately, it's not useful in a presidential election.

Having experience that is better suited for another race is something Mustafa Hirji can share with Poon. Hirji and his knowledge of the inner workings of the obscure General Faculties Council and other academic councils are worthless in a presidential race. If Hirji really wanted to be more than a marginal candidate and help students, he would have run for VP (academic), where he would have given students option other than voting no.

While Graham Lettner may not be the most naive of all the candidates, pontificating from the pages of the campus shit-rag and sitting on Students' Council is hardly experience learned from an SU president to have. It's hard to imagine, but Lettner's rambblings on the sad state of the bar scene and a Council record that hasn't shown anything spectacular, or even noteworthy, don't give me a lot of

confidence in his ability to expertly rally and represent students during the inevitable tuition campaign.

If we're looking to settle for a leader with any experience whatsoever, current VP (External) Alex Abboud would be just as good a choice as Lettner. Alas, like all the other candidates, Abboud lacks good experience, even though he has the benefit of having been an elected official at the highest level in the SU for a year. The fact that he all seems to have done in his year serving students is wander around the main floor of SUB looking lost—evidenced by the shortage of clear achievements in his portfolio—is hardly the type of experience that a president needs.

While this election lacks a candidate who has a level of Students' Union experience making them worthy of being ranked ahead of "none of the above," though, that doesn't mean there isn't a reason to vote. Voting for "none of the above" or Spanky the Wonder Elf are perfect ways to show your dissatisfaction with the serious candidates who are running. Because, even if the stakes are small, everyone should have their say.

of the guns, though, I guess that the people in Kentucky think it's easier to get rid of the old ones.

Such is the case with an 18-year-old student at George Rogers Clark High School. He was arrested for writing a short story for English class in which zombies take over an unnamed high school and eat people.

So Kentucky can take a nice, long sack beating, if only for hacking away at the branches, rather than at the roots of their problems.

SCOTT C BOURGEOIS

A little paranoia is a good thing. Let's be honest: who hasn't walked home at night without looking over their shoulder or walking a little faster? It's this kind of caution that might one day save your life. Paranoia, though, can get really carried away, like, rip-tide-style carried away, and then swept out to sea. Especially when it deals with the prospect of school violence.

Let me say that those Americans are really afraid of kids shooting at things, such as each other. Rather than get rid

No sack beatings are ever actually administered. Seriously.



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Honours isn't such a big deal



ADAM
GAUMONT

In grade school, achieving honours is a mark of distinction, akin to mastering a second language or a musical instrument. Back in high school, junior high, and even elementary, getting honours means achieving and maintaining a particular cumulative average, usually 80 per cent or more. This serves at once to encourage students with potential to do their best and to ostracize the dumb ones, and it works with ruthless efficiency.

At the highly regarded institution of higher learning that is the University of Alberta, though, becoming an honours student is as simple as declaring yourself to be one. Sure, you have to maintain a GPA higher than that of a 28-year-old stoner in open studies, but it's nothing any feeble-minded arts student can't pull off. Oh, and there's that fancy "thesis" you have to find the time to write at some point in your four-year program, unlike those other BA or BSc bottom-scrappers. But at the end of the day, one thing remains certain: getting "honours" tacked on to your undergraduate degree here at the U of A is about as commendable as reading the entirety of a book that doesn't have any pictures, or going a week without vomiting.

Maybe if such a title was earned, and not self-appointed, it would mean something. If it required at least some form of academic achievement, rather than a winnning mix of administrative

foresight and haughty pretentiousness, then it would be worth bragging to your grandparents about. But as it stands, someone in a, for lack of a better term, "regular" undergraduate program could conceivably maintain a higher GPA than someone in the honours program, even though, on paper, the honours student looks more accomplished.

It is the falsely conceived prestige that this distinction imports that is the root of the problem, though, and not just some simple matter of pride. There are more scholarships, awards, and bursaries available to those who have decided to call themselves honours students. It's also easier for them to get into grad school and, on a more hypothetical note, might even increase their chances of getting laid by someone who's not missing any teeth.

Okay, so maybe I'm just jealous that I never had the foresight to sign up for the honours program, but give me a break—it was my first time signing up for university. And I'm pretty sure that there are some pretty brainy honours students out there whose academic achievements outstrip mine significantly, and whom I'll possibly even end up working for one day. That said, I also suspect that there are many honours students whose modest GPAs pale in comparison to mine, and yet whose certificates, and resumes, look significantly better.

Thus, faced with this injustice, we are left with two options: either my fellow lowly BA students and I go on a murderous rampage knocking off honours students one by one, or we at least re-examine the way in which we perceive—if not hand out—honours distinctions. Given the fact that murder is apparently still illegal here in Alberta, my vote is for the latter.

The Proposed SU Health Plan is:

Unnecessary.

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Unsustainable.

You'll be paying \$114 for the health plan -- over \$15 of that will be going directly to the insurance industry. Only \$69.62 will be available for prescriptions, \$6.55 for ambulances or crutches, and \$7.03 for eye exams, glasses, or contacts. That's how much they're expecting you to actually use.

There's no free lunch: if students use the plan and spend more than \$7 a year for glasses or need ambulances, the fee will have to rise, or the benefits you get back will decrease.

Unaffordable.

You don't have the choice to opt out of the proposed health plan. The Students' Union won't let you out, even if you need that \$114 to pay for rent or groceries, unless you can prove that you've got insurance that they approve of. And because of the way the plan's set up, students under financial pressure will be the ones that end up being forced to stay in.

Tuition's high enough. Why does the SU want to increase what you have to pay even more?

It doesn't add up.

Vote NO to the SU Health Plan.
Visit www.SUhealthPlan.ca for more information on why the proposed \$114 mandatory fee doesn't add up for students.

Hey, you with the letter: shut the fuck up, please



JESSICA
FAULDS

When it comes to attitudes towards other people's lifestyles, particularly towards religion and sexual orientation, I have some advice: forget acceptance—we're obviously not ready for it. Forget tolerance, even; it's not going to happen. Indulgence? Getting closer. Endurance? How stoic. I like that one. Still, I think maybe we should aim even lower: nonchalance.

I've been glancing through the letters sections of different newspapers recently, and despite the affectations of politeness and charity in a number of letters regarding these issues, the content can all be boiled down to a simple command: "Stop living your life that way!" Whether it's attacking of religion for its small-mindedness or the condemnation of homosexuality for its immorality, everyone seems bent on making sure that others know what they're doing is wrong.

Of course, I can understand why people enjoy writing these letters—after all, feeling morally superior and smug is fun. But it's not tolerant, and we should stop pretending it can be. In fact, letter writers, why don't you just admit it? You're not even trying to be tolerant. You love telling others that they're wrong and you're right. The only downside is how it makes you look like an asshole. Throwing in some crackpot material—"Some of my best friends are gay/gods"—alleviates this a little, but you still inevitably end up offending people. If only

"However, when it comes to practices that really hurt no one—this includes polygamy, orgies, and writing a big list of which minorities are going to hell and posting it on your fridge—shutting up is far preferable to the 'Is not, is too' style of debate that currently abounds."

there was some other way. A way of maintaining that warm glow of self-satisfaction without pissing everyone off so much.

Well, my friend, it's your lucky day. I have developed a system that lets you keep an attitude of moral superiority without being a complete jerk. It's called, "Shut The Fuck Up." Let me show you how it works.

If you're against organized religion, any religion, or even just the concept of God, don't tell the devils that they're wrong. You know it won't change their attitude toward their beliefs, and it will probably just make them resent you. Instead, smile smugly, knowing that when they die, expecting to be welcomed into God's warm and loving embrace, they'll instead meet cold, eternal oblivion. Laugh to yourself, thinking of that giddy moment of realization just before they die. Revel in the glorious certainty that you know what they're doing is wrong.

Alternatively, let's say you're against same-sex unions, intercourse, handholding, or any other dirty forms of fraternization. Don't bother to tell guys they're wrong, that they need to behave naturally, that they're paving the way for people who want to marry their goldfish. You know they won't listen. They'll probably just try to convert your kids in retaliation. Instead, smile smugly, knowing that in the afterlife, they'll spend an eternity being sodomized by pointy

objects, fire raining upon them à la Dante's Inferno, and all other manner of punishment befitting their hideous crime. You don't need to convince them they're wrong as long as you know you're right.

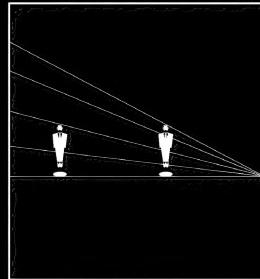
Now, don't you feel great? And remember, though I've used the examples of Christianity and homosexuality to demonstrate the method, this works against anyone who is living differently from how you "know" they should.

Naturally, though, you can't apply this technique to any and all situations. If your neighbour is dropping tiny skulls into a pit in his backyard every few days, you're not only allowed, but also morally obligated to at least write a letter. However, when it comes to practices that really hurt no one—this includes polygamy, orgies, and writing a big list of which minorities are going to hell and posting it on your fridge—shutting up is far preferable to the "Is not, is too" style of debate that currently abounds.

Everyone is seeking acceptance for whatever it is they get down on their knees to do, be it prayer or... whatever else. However, if they can't get that acceptance, they'll probably settle for being left alone. If you disagree with me, try not to write a letter. Just put down your pen and smile smugly, knowing you are right and I am wrong.

I mean it: put it down.

Which man is taller?



(Actually...both are the same size.)

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**“There’s little to like in everyone.” — Raymond Biesinger,
*Gateway Managing Editor 2002/03***

Truer words have never been spoken, particularly if you’re talking about this year’s Students’ Union election candidates. And this annual tradition—which went on hiatus last year when our features editor died in our arms one night—sees all SU Executive candidates get raked over the coals for their generally subpar campaigns.

Before you go and “get out the vote,” as they say in the parlance of our times, take the time to read about what we think of the candidates. Then decide if “none of the above” is the key to Students’ Union Executive salvation.

Truthfully though, we certainly wish all the candidates the best of luck in this year’s elections. They’ve worked hard, and they deserve it—at least some of them.

PRESIDENT

Mustafa Hirji

Mustafa Hirji would probably make a pretty decent SU president. He’s a policy hack with a cohesive platform not filled with the regular platitudes and vague campaign promises; he has tons of SU experience dating back to 2000; and he has been involved in numerous student groups on campus. He’s got all the things his campaign says he does: real experience, a bold vision, and a solid plan. Unfortunately for Hirji, he will not be the next SU president. Nope. Hirji has a long road of recovery ahead of him next year, as U of A doctors are currently formulating a plan to make it so that Mr Mustafa Hirji can, finally, smile.

Hirji suffers from a serious condition called “severely boring.” With all the charisma of a wet pea, but all the knowledge to run the organization, it’s unfortunate that the SU will have to, for another year, suffer the leadership of someone who doesn’t have the know-how to run the organization. Now, We’re not saying that Hirji should become an insufferably

optimistic idealist; Mike Hudema was already SU president, thank you very much. What we’re suggesting is that Hirji, because of the terrifying mugshot on his campaign material and the way he has been conducting himself while campaigning and at forums, doesn’t appear approachable enough to be the next SU president.

Seriously, look at his photo and tell us you aren’t afraid that if you went up to his office to ask him something, or make a suggestion, he’d immediately start yelling at you, for some reason.

Nope, Hirji’s got smarts, but not enough charisma to run an organization that lobbies on behalf of students.

Wayne Poon

Remember when we mentioned vagueness above? That’s what Wayne Poon is all about. Find this young man eating in SUB around noon and ask him what he’s having, and he’s likely to respond, “Lunch.” Ask

continued on the next page

him what he's wearing today: "Clothes." This guy seems clinically unable to provide any detail. That's why he shouldn't be the next SU president.

Oh sure, his campaign uses all the right verbs—"connect," "ensure," "work," and, you know, "be"—but he never actually explains in any significant detail just how he is going to turn these boring infinitives into conjugations. But we aren't convinced verb conjugation is his strong suit. In fact, we don't think we heard Poon complete a single sentence at the SUB forum last Thursday. He'd start in one idea, and stop in the middle of it so he could move on to another one. Take your time articulating your platform Mr Poon, or else students will be far too confused to rightly mark an "X" next to your name on the ballot.

Also, do you realize how many undergraduate students there are on this campus? The oft-quoted number is 30 000. We're not sure how you, in spite of all your other duties, are going to find the time to interact with enough "average students" in order to "create a more personal connection between the SU and the student body."

But that's okay. You don't seem to know how you're going to do this either.

Alex Abboud

According to writer Rita Mae Brown, "Good judgment comes from experience, and often experience comes from bad judgment." If that's the case, then perhaps students should be looking for someone else to elect president after having already experienced a year of Alex Abboud as an elected official.

Seriously, Abboud, it's nice that you want to "connect with the community" and negotiate a U-Pass, but why are you promising us things that you should have done during your term as VP (external)? And you have some nerve taking the credit for Klein's unilateral decision to freeze tuition for a year when you had absolutely fuck all to do with it. Lying and being incompetent may one day make you a great premier, but students have a bit of a higher standard for their elected officials.

Also, a plan for a 24-hour SU info line isn't going to help the average student; it's just going to bore whoever has to answer the damn thing—or cost a bloody fortune to implement an automated system. The *Gateway* may not be representative of the average student, but angst over SU and University services certainly doesn't keep us up, and if we do need an answer to something, there's that little thing called the Internet. Perhaps you've heard of it?

But if we do have a pressing question at 5am about how the SU works, how about you just give us your number and we call you?

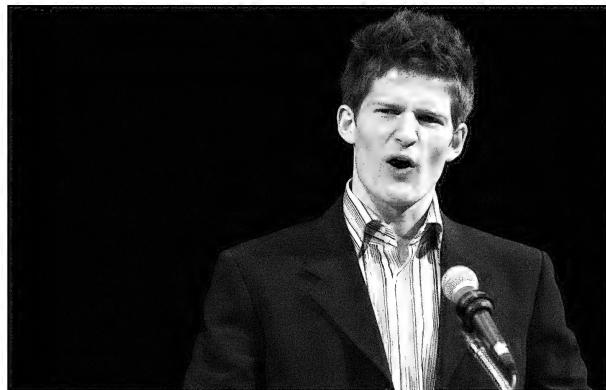
Danny Bennett

All right, so you're a second-year student with no actual SU experience. No one besides your parents knows who you are or what you stand for. Naturally, your brilliant strategy to get elected is: don't actually let people know who you are or what you think.

See, "Danny," a few vague platitudes on a poster don't tell anybody anything. The fact that your "pamphlets" are just smaller copies of your poster certainly doesn't help. The fact that, due to your lack of a website or even an e-mail address, the only way people can find out anything about you relies entirely on this combination of poster/mini-poster means you're pretty much fucked.

Oh, wait, that's right: you want people to come to the forums to hear what you have to say. That's brilliant! Forums are always just packed to the rafters with non-partisan people who are always incredibly interested in what all the candidates have to say! Not just the CRO and a gaggle of hacks who already know how they're going to vote! No sir!

A word of advice, Captain Last Place: next time



you decide to run for something, I wouldn't rely on people wanting to get informed about you. You have to make it as easy as possible—anything more than picking up a pamphlet or clicking on a website is way too much work for most people to do for an SU election. You'd better hope your oratorical skills rank somewhere above Churchill and Lincoln combined—or that all the other candidates, including Spanky, die at once.

Graham Lettner

At first glance, Graham Letter appears to have a well-thought-out, thorough platform. His campaign literature is extensive, and those videos on his website are, well, "different." This is all fine and well until you read a little closer and realize that a good chunk of his ideas are totally retarded.

One of our favourites is his idea to showcase student talent in order to attract people, and therefore revenue, to the Powerplant. Yeah, there's nothing like open-mic nights and talent shows to bring the crowds a-runnin'. But at least we'll finally get the chance to showcase my one-man rendition of *Death of a Salesman*.

Another one of Lettner's excellent ideas is the libel factory that will be online evaluations of professors written by students. We know there have been some profs whose careers we've wanted to destroy, and what better place to do it than in the official setting of the SU website?

Finally, Lettner wants to encourage students to interact with their professors in social settings, which seems like it's going to have to involve one of two things: kidnapping some random students and profs and making them hang out, or forcing students into the Faculty Club to watch a bunch of lonely old people stare blankly into their warm glasses of beer, wondering why they still haven't received tenure.

However, Lettner has done the impossible and come up with an even more retarded way to do this: encourage evening seminars at the Powerplant and RATT. Because professors really want their students drunk and hitting on each other in the middle of class.

Spanky the Wonder Elf

We remember everyone complaining about how there wasn't a joke candidate running in last year's presidential race. Let this year serve to remind everyone that we're much better off voting for "none of the above" than for some idiot's incredibly lame attempt at humour.

Speaking of which, you know what hasn't been funny since junior high? Masturbating. You know what else hasn't been funny since Limp Bizkit was still considered awesome? Midgets. (Come on, people. You know the only reason this is supposed

to be funny is because of the midget craze a few years back and the fact that his name's "Spanky.")

Anyway, on to the "joke" platform. So you want to put traffic lights and hall monitors with lasers in HUB to manage pedestrian traffic? You're going to use our non-existent nuclear reactor to threaten other universities into giving us money?? Real bears as mascots?? Human waste in Aramark food?? HAHAHAHAHAHAHAAAA!!!!!!

Every aspect of this feels like it was conceived by a 12-year-old with too much time on their hands. Except, of course, for the randomly serious ideas thrown in there for good measure. Like, uh, bringing back those really shitty shoestring fries at the Powerplant, for some reason, and some random comments about how parking on campus is too expensive. Man, Spanky, even when you're not trying to be funny you totally suck.

The role of a joke candidate is to provide a witty option for students who want to protest the lack of qualified people running. Spanky makes us want to protest against this campaign by voting for some unqualified jerk instead.

VICE-PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

Samantha Power

Did anyone else see Samantha Power at the SUBstage election forum? No? Well, she was the one trembling like a leaf when she actually got up to speak. Which is unfortunate, because presenting oneself as so timid—especially for a job where the portfolio demands that you be outspoken, firm, and confident when dealing with political leaders and policy-makers—is surely a massive detriment to her campaign.

And it's a valid concern. Some people can have all the ideas in the world and lack severely in execution. If Power thinks she's the right person for the VP (external) job, then she needs to get over her nerves and appear far more confident than she has in her campaign. We're not sure how she can accomplish this now that campaigning is all but over, but if she doesn't find a way, she's hopped.

If Power gets elected, it will be funny to see her jump three feet in the air and then hide under a box someplace when the minister of advanced education cuts a loud fart.

Tim Smith

A little math lesson: in the English language, the odds of anyone using the exact same words to describe something are somewhere above three billion to one. For instance, the odds of two people, entirely independently of one another, coming up with a line like, say, "We need to stop wasting people's time with ten-person barbecues," are

worse than the odds of being hit by lightning twice. Now, this is only relevant because, during last week's SUBstage forum Tim "Rain Man" Smith just happened to use those words to describe the SU's various semi-failed events this year. That, in itself, is pretty unremarkable, unless you take into account the fact that pretty much those exact same words just happen to be in his opponent's—Sam Power's—campaign literature. According to Smith, he hadn't read Sam Power's campaign literature before.

You may not want to vote for Smith, but you'll probably want to take him to Vegas with you, if he can beat odds of three billion to one.

Moreover, Smith's attempt at playing the "rape card" at the Horowitz forum on Monday was not only in very poor taste, but more or less completely irrelevant to anything contained in his portfolio. But, sweet justice, will Edmonton ever be safe.

Smith's odds of actually affecting anything as VP (external) have to be better than three billion to one. Given his apparent luck, he'll probably stroll into Ralph Klein's office the exact instant Klein's bigger old heart grows three sizes and he decides to give the next person he sees a few billion dollars.

VICE-PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

Jason Tobias

Jason Tobias gives the impression that he would do a good job in the position of VP (operations and finance). However, some of his platform seems less than perfectly researched, and other parts seem to overstep the bounds of what can be done with the VPOF position.

For example, his hate-on of the Academic Guidance Centre for being redundant may have merit, but it seems like he doesn't know why the centre was recently conceived in the first place, nor what advantages student-based academic guidance has over University/faculty services. A more educated campaign on the subject might make his arguments more convincing.

As for overstepping the bounds of his portfolio, Tobias proclaims he will re-evaluate the SU's role as an advocacy body, which, again, is an idea that may have merit, but one that sits in the realm of the president and the VP (external).

This isn't to say that Tobias shouldn't get the job. His five years as a student, including a stint on Students' Council and a year on the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board, have made him a suitable candidate for the job overseeing the SU's finances. Hopefully, if he gets elected, he will be able to stick to the position he was picked for and not try to unduly influence other portfolios.

VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

Mathieu Johnson

The only two characteristics of Mathieu Johnson's platform are that it features an astounding lack of concrete promises and an amount of detail that makes RATT's menu seem like *War and Peace*. When looking at Johnson's platform, one gets the sense that he rushed to assemble his ideas after blowing the rest of his campaign budget on hookers and beer—or, since he's an engineer, on slide rules and pocket calculators. Which makes sense, considering he didn't even want the VPA job initially, but the lack of candidates, and his missing the nomination deadline for the other Executive positions, provided him with a "get an Executive position free" card.

Seriously, Mat, a promise of "making undergraduate learning a point for public discussion"? Maybe you've forgotten what province we live in, but talking about university education is as popular a discussion with the pickup-truck driving, mullet-wearing, Ralph-loving masses on raising the taxes

on cigarettes and beer.

Also, how is "empowering faculty associations" to introduce midterm course evaluations going to affect our education at all? They are just going to give our tenured, mumbbling and tangent-loving professors another document to ignore. Besides, divesting some advocacy responsibilities and power to faculty associations is just going to create more ineffectual levels of red tape in organizations that students care less about than the SU.

Sadly, unless he takes to showing up to imperialist parties or classrooms dressed like a Nazi, or begins to perform satanic human sacrifices at noon on SUBstage, Johnson will still trounce "none of the above" and capture a job he didn't initially want.

VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

Justin Kehoe

Justin Kehoe is a good choice for VP (student life). He is involved with not only WOW, Antifreeze, Campus Ambassadors and Orientation, but with academic and governmental bodies such as the General Faculties Council. This gives him well-rounded experience for the job.

His speeches and literature make it clear he has done his homework for the position. He has a strong understanding of how to make all of his initiatives happen. Moreover, Kehoe avoids the pitfall that many hopefuls stumble into when running for VPSL, which is campaigning solely on improving campus events, and instead focuses on other aspects of the job—such as working with student groups.

Negatively, Kehoe may be a bit too "inside" to be able to make radical changes to programs that he has been a key part of, such as WOW, Antifreeze or Orientation. However, overall, it's probably better to have someone who is educated about the programs under their command than not.

Carolyn Nowry

Carolyn Nowry looks to be a perfectly suitable candidate for the position of VP (student life), with a résumé full of applicable experience. However, her outward similarity to her competitor unfortunately makes her the second choice in this race.

Nowry also avoids the pitfall of running specifically on an events-based platform, and while her overall ideas are similar to Kehoe's, they are less specific and seemingly have less research behind them. For example, where she has intelligently pointed out that improving student groups is an important initiative for the portfolio, Kehoe has formulated a more concrete plan to do so.

Additionally, while her experience is quite suitable for the job (for example, being a Safewalk volunteer and the VP (activities) for the U of A Science Undergraduate Society), she lacks the amount of specific leadership involvement with large SU programs that Kehoe has.

Nowry has had more experience with residence issues, being involved with Lister Hall in several positions. This would give her an advantage in that aspect of the student-life portfolio. However, this isn't enough to make her campaign worth voting for.

Unfortunately, although a good candidate, Nowry will probably be listed number two on the ballot.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVE

Adam Cook

Well, after not winning the race for VP (academic) and not winning the race for president, Adam Cook is now trying to not win a seat on the BoG. Presumably, if he doesn't win this time around, it's



time to start considering a life of being narrowly defeated in the race for public-school trustee of Ward C. Then Ward D. Then Leduc.

But forget your past—how about your near-retarded plans for the future? You're going to " spearhead a comprehensive review of the current university experience," huh? Whatever takes your mind off sitting in that cold, dark office and getting ignored by the rest of the BoG at every meeting, I guess. (Just as an aside, there's a reason why the BoG rep's office is on the third floor, Cook, and it's got nothing to do with the fact Kotovych was in the position for the last two years: it's so you get nice and used to being the forgotten, pointless member of an already pretty lackluster organization.)

But anyway, good luck with that initiative there—I'm sure you'll get to the bottom of why people don't care about the University anymore. After all, what better person to find out what students want than the one who knows students so well, he's never once managed to convince enough of them to actually vote him into an Exec position?

Shawna Pandya

Ah, the undergraduate Board of Governors representative: the only unpaid position up for election. Luckily for Pandya, undergraduate students only hold two of the 20 seats on the BoG, meaning her vote will never matter. Hear that, Pandya? The position's thankless, but at least there's no pressure!

Anyway, confusion as to why anyone would run for this utterly unrewarding position aside, it's impressive how vague Pandya manages to keep her platitudes. So you want to encourage dialogue between students and the BoG while strengthening student input into University policies? Impressive, but we challenge you to find us a year where someone running for anything, from president to the lowest arts councilor, didn't mumble something about encouraging dialogue with students.

But wait! She does have some solid plans! She's going to differentiate between exams testing for pure and applied knowledge! Probably not a bad idea if we knew what the hell she was talking about, although one has to question if this wouldn't fall under the VP (academic)'s portfolio. She's also going to make sure education at the U of A is affordable, but will still be of high quality and won't suffer because of large class sizes.

Apparently, using all the power she will wield as one of 20 votes on the BoG, she is going to single-handedly change the way teaching is undertaken at the University while maintaining quality and accessibility of education for all. Uh, wow. Vote Pandya, we guess.

SPORTS

Basketball Bears win conference in style

CHRIS OLEARY
Sports Writer

There's a reason that the Main Gym is one of the hottest basketball courts in the country—it has to be to counter the ice water that runs through Mike Melnychuk's veins.

The fifth-year guard had what he described as the greatest game of his career on Friday night as the ninth-ranked Golden Bears defeated the tenth-ranked Brandon Bobcats 81-76 in an overtime thriller that may have been the best hoops game in CIS this season. The win clinched a spot in the national championship tournament for the Bears, while their 72-54 win over the Victoria Vikes on Saturday night won the team the Canada West championship.

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GOLDEN BEARS GUARD MIKE MELNYCHUK ON HIS LAST-SECOND GAME-TYING BASKET

Facing a ten-point deficit midway through Friday's second half, the Bears cut the lead to two points with seven seconds remaining. Melnychuk then went the length of the court and put up a twisting, off-balance runner through a Brandon double team—and buried it. The shot sent the game into overtime, where Melnychuk scored eight of the team's ten points, including two three-pointers that sealed the Bears' win.

"That's the most amazing game I've ever played in, to tell you the truth," he said of his shot that sent the crowd of 2,500 into a frenzy. "I knew [Brandon] was going to plug the middle, so I found an opening and I beat my man and I pulled up. I could barely see the hoop and I threw it up.... I had a little help from up above. I don't know how that dropped."



CRASHING BRANDON'S PARTY The Golden Bears go on the offensive while down by two points late in the second half of Friday's overtime win. LEANNE FONG

Melnychuk's last-second antics are old hat for Bears head coach Don Horwood, who has come to expect his guard to deliver when the team needs him.

"I've said it to everybody who's talked to me about it: Mike's been like that his whole career; he's a winner," said Horwood. "He's not afraid to take the tough shot and he can make the tough shot. He makes mistakes, but he makes up for it with that mental toughness he has."

Melnychuk's heroics wouldn't have been as dramatic without the antagonistic play of Brandon guard O'Neil Gordon. The first-team Canada West all-star seemed to revel in silencing Cougars fans throughout the contest, racking up 25 points, ten rebounds and six assists, all of which were tied for game highs.

With Brandon taken care of, the Bear set their sights on beating Victoria and claiming the only Canada West championship, something that only two Bears teams had done previously. Alberta used the fifth-ranked Vikings as doormats and an excuse to show off their inside strength as post Phil Sudol went for 20 points and eleven rebounds, both game highs.

"We knew we could dominate them in the post; we've been doing it all year against every team we've played in the country," Sudol said. "When we get it going inside we can kick it out to our shooters, and when we get consistent with that we can do very well."

Even more impressive than the Bears' post play was their defensive effort. Victoria was held to a season-low 14-point first half, and shot an

ugly 13 per cent from the field, connecting on only three of 23 attempts. While they heated up in the second half, the damage was already done and the Vikes were unable to mount a serious comeback. Victoria coach Craig Beaumamp made no excuses for his team's play on Saturday, praising a hungrier Alberta squad for the win.

"They played hard defensively and they got after us. All the credit to them," he said. "It's not the way we wanted this weekend to end, but we're still going to Halifax and maybe we'll see them again there."

In light of their successes this weekend, the Bears will receive a first-round bye when they travel to Halifax to compete in the national championships from 17-21 March.

Bobcats bounce back after loss to Bears to win bronze

PAUL OWEN
Sports Writer

Following up on a heart-breaking loss in which they gave up a double-digit lead to the Golden Bears on Friday night, the tenth-ranked Brandon Bobcats were able to salvage the wreckage of their season with a 71-66 victory over the Regina Cougars.

After both Regina and Brandon lost in Friday night's semifinals, the two teams from the Great Plains Division found themselves fighting for the conference bronze medal and the final Canada West berth in the CIS championships.

"We talked a lot about the opportunity," said Brandon head coach Les Barry. "Last week wasn't our best, but coming into this weekend we thought we represented ourselves a little bit better; we played very hard [Friday] night. We've played [Regina] eight times and we knew it was going to come down to a shot here and a shot there. It wasn't going to be who's the best team, but who gets the breaks, and luckily we got them."

While Bobcats guard O'Neil Gordon showed why he was an all-star on Friday night with a team-high 25 points, his presence was lacking offensively on Saturday—the only score eight points. Luckily for the Bobcats, second-team all-star Mario Joseph poured in 31 in the victory. The cold-shooting Cougars had four players in the double-digits, but only shot 30 per cent from three-point range, and couldn't stop Joseph and the rest of the Brandon guards from getting to the basket.

"We just couldn't guard people when we

needed to," said Regina coach James Hollis. "Last night we played a bad five minutes at the start of the second half, and tonight it was a bad three minutes at the end of the first. You can't get into situations like that when you're playing good teams."

The victory gave Brandon a 5-4 edge on their divisional rivals this season and was sweet revenge for the Bobcats, who were upset by the Cougars in Brandon a week earlier and were forced to take the back door into the Final Four as the wild-card team.

"We battled so hard [Friday] night and we came in [Saturday] just thinking that we had to play our best game. Losing last week wasn't much motivation after that," said Barry.

The Bobcats, who have spent the last five weeks on the CIS top-ten list, now get to head to Halifax as one of the entrants in the CIS Final 10 tournament, while Regina will have to reload and gear up for a shot at next year.

"We need to be better in the post, and we need to find some people who can defend on the perimeter," said Hollis. "Defensively, we struggle at times and games like this you need to be able to win when you're only going to be able to score 60 points."

For Brandon, they live on another week, though they will likely have to win a play-in game to reach the final eight in Halifax, a fact that hasn't knocked their confidence any more than losing to Alberta or Regina did.

"We're one of them; that's all that it comes down to," said Barry. "You can't win it if you're not in it, but we're still alive and we're a pretty good basketball team."



LET ME THROUGH The Regina Cougars couldn't get past Victoria or Brandon and into nationals. LEANNE FONG

Volleyball Bears win tight match to claim CIS crown

Alberta returns to the top after settling for silver two years in a row

ANDREW RENFREW
Sports Writer

It was a hell of a season for the Golden Bears volleyball team, and on Sunday afternoon it had a hell of a finish at Laval University in Québec City. In a five-set thriller, top-ranked Alberta beat the second-ranked Trinity Western Spartans by two points in the final set to claim the U of A's first CIS championship of the year.

"I'm feeling a million things [right now]," said an elated Bears head coach Terry Danyluk shortly after the victory. "I'm just so proud of the way the guys fought. They're an awesome group of guys and I really love them all."

The Bears were ranked first in the country for the entire season, losing only two matches, and were heavily favoured to capture the championship. Opposing coaches, including CIS coach of the year Ron Pike of Trinity Western, have said that in order to beat Alberta in the playoffs a team would have to play their best. However, the Spartans couldn't win despite doing just that in the championship game, giving the Bears a run for their money in what was arguably the most exciting match of the season, which saw the first three sets go beyond the usual 25-point limit.

Alberta won the first set 29–27 in a battle that saw TWU tie the score many times in the later part of the match. The Spartans battled back in the second set, leading at times by as

many as four points, and stole a late Bears lead to win 31–29. Alberta then won the third set 27–25, and again Trinity came back in the fourth to register a 25–18 victory.

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TERRY DANYLUK,
GOLDEN BEARS HEAD COACH

During a late time out in the fourth set with his team down by six points, TSN cameras caught Danyluk telling his players that it's never over and asking if they believed him that they could win the match. With their coach's words in the back of their heads, the Bears went on to win the final set 15–13 with a kill by Aaron Schuldt that brought the entire team rushing onto the court in celebration.

"All [the Spartans had] to do was come out and play like there was nothing to lose, and hung on with the match," said Danyluk. "I think that just shows a lot of character for the guys on our team."

Sets two and four of the gold-medal

match were the only two sets the Bears lost at the tournament. Their quest started on Friday night with a straight-set victory (25–17, 25–22, and 29–27) over the host Laval Rouge et Or. They then moved on to face the fifth-ranked Manitoba Bisons in the semifinal round, again winning in straight sets (25–23, 25–17, and 25–16).

Manitoba ended up winning the bronze medal over last year's champions, the Saskatchewan Huskies, who narrowly beat the Bears in the 2004 final. The final rankings made the Bears' 21–1 record in Canada West regular- and post-season play all the more impressive, as the conference produced the top four teams in the country.

The season had many high points for the Bears, including their impressive regular-season record and the recognition of several of their players as the best in CIS—outside hitter Nicholas Cundy was named player of the year, while setter Brock Davidsuk was named a first-team all-star, left-side hitter Alex Gaumont Casias made the all-rookie team, and middle and team captain Leo Carroll won the Dale Ivancic Award for achievement in athletics, academics and community involvement. But the obvious highlight was when the last point went down in the final match to give the Bears the gold medal they'd come so close to last year.

"I'm feeling a little relief that the season is done," Danyluk said.

Volleyball Pandas struggle, finish fourth

Injury to Tawana Wardlaw hurts Alberta as they fall in semifinal to eventual champion Sherbrooke

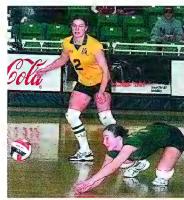
JAKE TROUGHTON
Sports Editor

The Pandas already knew they'd be facing a stern challenge at the CIS women's volleyball championship in Saskatoon over the weekend. When Tawana Wardlaw, their perennial kill leader, broke her finger in Friday's semifinal match against the Sherbrooke Vert et Or, the road got that much steeper, and the team proved unable to make that climb.

Alberta ended up losing that match in four sets (25–16, 23–25, 25–21, and 26–24), ending their hopes of improving on last year's silver-medal finish. They then faced the Calgary Dinos in the bronze medal match in a rematch of last year's final, but for the sixth time in six meetings this year they were bested by their southern rivals, falling in four sets (20–25, 25–23, 25–18, and 25–22).

Calgary had entered the tournament as the top seed with a perfect record so far this year, but were upset in four sets by the fourth-seeded UBC Thunderbirds in the semifinal. Sherbrooke went on to beat the UBC Thunderbirds in the gold-medal match, claiming their second title in three years; those two victories are the only times a team from outside of Canada West has won the title since the Dalhousie Tigers won in 1982.

The Pandas' tournament started out



DIGGING A HOLE The Pandas go for a dig during Saturday's bronze-medal loss to the Calgary Dinos.

well: in the quarter-final on Thursday, they soundly defeated the Western Ontario Mustangs, the Ontario champions, in straight sets (25–14, 25–13 and 25–16). Right-side hitter Pamela Parker, in her fifth and final year as a Panda, had an impressive 77 per cent attack percentage in the match to help lead Alberta through to the semifinal round.

Sherbrooke, however, proved much more of a challenge. The Quebec champions, seeded second heading into the tournament, have two national team members and an Olympic beach volleyball finalist on their roster, and when Wardlaw left the match in the third set after being injured with the score tied at one, Alberta proved unable to best the Vert et Or.

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THE GATEWAY



LOOKING SHARP Pandas wrestler Erica Sharp battles Andrea Ross of the Calgary Dinos in the gold-medal match of the 53kg weight class at the CIS wrestling championships at Brock University on Saturday. Sharp won the match to become the first female wrestler in CIS history to win national championships in all five years of eligibility, which she did over seven years due to taking two years off (two males have won five golds, including Ryan Weicker of Brock, who won his fifth this year and is the only wrestler to win five golds in a row). She was one of three Pandas who qualified for the tournament, but despite the small contingent, the team finished tied for fourth in the overall standings with the Regina Cougars. Heidi Kulak (65kg) won silver for the Pandas, suffering only her second loss of the season in the final, while Jaclyn Hedges (Bok) finished fourth. The Simon Fraser Clan won the title for the third straight year; Calgary finished second, and the host Brock Badgers were third.



Bears aren't golden An eight-team Golden Bears contingent finished in ninth place at the CIS wrestling championships at Brock University. Anthony Kulak (54kg) and Jarret Wall (73kg) both won bronze and were the only Bears to crack the podium. Ross MacDonald (82kg) finished fifth for the Bears; Chase Wong (57kg) and Joe Harrington (69kg) finished sixth, Mike Hubert (130kg) was seventh, and Sterling Turner (61kg) and Bram Ratay (65kg) placed eighth. The host Brock Badgers won the overall title for the seventh year in a row. They finished atop the overall standings with 69 points, 30 ahead of the Saskatchewan Huskies. The Simon Fraser Clan and Concordia Stingers tied for third, one point behind the Huskies.

Universiade would benefit students: Dean

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"By the time 2011 rolls around it will be almost 10 years since we last hosted," said Dr Michael Mahon, dean of the faculty of physical education and recreation.

"We've learned that there's quite a bit of interest on the part of FISU [the International University Sport Federation] to come back to North America. We think that whoever the North American cities are [who bid], their chances will be very strong."

Edmonton's bid is not secure yet, though. The City is applying to CIS this week with their request to submit a bid to FISU, but only one Canadian bid will be made for 2011, and Edmonton is competing for that opportunity against Calgary and Kamloops, both of whom want to host the winter Games.

Various facilities were constructed for the 1983 Games, including the Universiade Pavilion (better known as the Butterdome), but Edmonton does eventually win the right to host the 2011 Games, the focus of prepa-

ration will be on renovating existing facilities rather than building new ones.

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**DR MICHAEL MAHON,
DEAN, FACULTY OF PHYSICAL
EDUCATION AND RECREATION**

"We're going to refurbish and enhance our existing facilities," said Mahon. "Not just a new coat of paint, but really upgrade them. We will also look into the possibility of building another pool at Kinsmen or perhaps Concordia. Financially speaking, it makes more sense to upgrade than build new facilities."

The bid planners also intend to build up the legacy left over from the 1983 Games, by adding to the U of A scholarship fund that was set

up as a result of those Games.

"We'll upgrade the Universiade scholarship, and that's a direct benefit for students," said Mahon. "The legacy of the Games is not just about sport; it's a broad cultural legacy as well."

If the games are held here, they will be expected to bring a great deal of business and international attention to the city.

"There's no doubt about the economic impact it would have," said Stansey. "The World Track and Field Championships in 2001 brought in about \$100 million to Edmonton, and \$160 million to Alberta."

Stansey said that the possibility of Edmonton hosting another Universiade Games has received a positive reception in the community.

"The reaction's been really positive, I think because we had such a good experience in 1983."

"Edmonton has always enjoyed hosting these types of events, so there's a great deal of enthusiasm," Mahon agreed.



NOT ANOTHER ONE ... Calgary goaltender Scott Talbot faces a shot during Saturday's 7-1 loss to the Golden Bears.

Bears sweep Dinos to claim Mountain Division hockey title

ROSS PRUSAKOWSKI
Sports Writer

While the Brier was just getting rolling over the weekend, Clare Drake Arena was already rocking as the Golden Bears broke out the brooms and hurried the Calgary Dinos and their playoff hopes out of town and onto thin ice.

White the weekend games meant everything to the Dinos, who are fighting for a berth in the national championships, which will be held here at the end of the month, for the Bears it was little more than an opportunity to fine-tune their play. However, despite already holding an automatic berth to nationals as hosts, the Bears were anything but accommodating to the Dinos' hopes as they swept the best-of-three Mountain Division final by scores of 4-3 on Friday and 7-1 on Saturday.

"This is a proud group, and the fact that we're in the national championship tournament isn't going to influence our play whatsoever," said Bears head coach Rob Daum. "You never know for sure that it won't, but I think this weekend was a good indication that we won't let it."

ROB DAUM,
GOLDEN BEARS HEAD COACH

That statement appeared a little dubious after the performance in the series opener on Friday, when the Bears started out a four-goal lead by two minutes into the second period, then allowed the Dinos to crawl back into it. A pair of bad penalties by the Bears allowed Calgary to put a goal in on a five-on-three and build up some

energy after being badly outplayed for the first half of the game. However, despite taking the play to the Bears for the rest of the game, the Dinos still fell short and dropped game one.

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"I actually thought they kind of imposed their will and played their game in the first half, and we kind of imposed our will in the second half," and there you battle right there," said Dinos' head coach Scott Atkinson after Friday's game. "If the game is forechecking and grinding I think we have a better opportunity to win, and if we let them play that finesse, puck-support game the way they can, they're difficult to match up with."

But Saturday proved that the Bears

aren't afraid of a grinding style of game either. Right from the opening faceoff Alberta took the body in a big way and dominated the Dinos. For all the tough talk, it seemed that Calgary couldn't handle being physically dominated as they self-destructed, taking eleven penalties and surrendering two power-play goals to the Bears' offense. Atkinson, however, stood by his earlier comments.

"I think there's no question that if we play physically that it gives us an advantage to us. I wasn't overly enamored with the refereeing [Saturday] either."

Told of Atkinson's comments, Daum responded with a sarcastic "It's obvious."

"How many penalties did they have?" he asked. "How many were of the unnecessary variety, especially in the last ten minutes of the game? They played the last four minutes of the game short-handed. That really worked well and it was a great way to approach the weekend; it really worked well for them."

While the war of words may continue off the ice, the battle on the ice between the teams will take a break as both teams prepare for looking towards the respective series this weekend. The Bears will host the Saskatchewan Huskies—who have also captured a berth in nationals after sweeping the Manitoba Bisons in the Great Plains Division final—in a battle for the Canada West crown, while the Dinos will visit the Bisons to determine the final Canada West berth for nationals.

Women's Basketball

SPORTS SHORTS

Women's Hockey

The seeding and pools for this weekend's CIS women's hockey championship were announced yesterday. The top-seeded, undefeated Pandas are in a pool with the fourth-seeded St. Francis Xavier X-Women and the fifth-seeded host McGill Martlets. The second-seeded Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks, third-seeded Concordia Stingers and sixth-seeded Manitoba Bisons form the other pool. The Pandas, who are three-time defending champions and have won four of the last five championships, are undefeated in 103 games against CIS competition and will be heavy favourites this weekend.

conference title.

Canada West's four representatives—the Simon Fraser Clan, Victoria Vikes, Regina Cougars and host Winnipeg Wesmen—had also been previously decided.

Men's Basketball

OUA's three representatives in the men's national championship were decided over the weekend as well. The undefeated Carleton Ravens and the Brock Badgers won their semifinals over the Ottawa Gee-Gees and Waterloo Warriors to clinch berths, while the Gee-Gees earned a wild-card berth. Carleton and Brock will face each other this weekend for the OUA title. One AUS and two QSSF berths will also be determined this weekend.

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TYSON KABAN

Arts & Entertainment Writer

These days, poetry isn't as popular today with the people who like it as it has ever been. It's always been a niche market, but I think the numbers of people who read poetry have gone up," Weaver says. "The '60s poetry movement was a bit of a cultural blip, and although poetry might not seem relevant these days, there will always be people who enjoy it."

Weaver is releasing his first collection of poems, *Were the Bees*, this Friday at Audrey's bookstore. Divided into three parts, *Were the Bees* contains standard pieces of experimental verse, along with an interesting interpretation of a 1969 interview with acclaimed poet Robert Duncan. Weaver scraped the poem together by interpreting a mix of lines from the interview's transcripts with poetic license.

"Duncan is one of my favourite poets. I read him for fun and I'm working on him academically. The interview was something that I just stumbled across in my academic work," he says. "It was an interesting interview because Duncan was interviewed by two other Canadian poets. The ideas that the three poets were bringing up were really interesting and they were using common everyday speech but as beautifully put together as possible, which really impressed me and resulted in a great concept piece."

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ANDY WEAVER, AUTHOR OF *WERE THE BEES*

While Weaver is certainly a fan of many poets, there's a new wave of celebrity poets hitting the best-seller lists that he just can't comprehend.

"With something like Jewel's books of poetry, I think it says a lot about what the popular idea of poetry is. She's extraordinarily successful in music and to even want to put out a book of poems says something about what people see as poetry," he says. "There's a lot of musicians who've released poems. Billy Corgan [of The Smashing Pumpkins and Zwan] put out a book recently. It's definitely not very good. Celebrity poetry is a gimmick that's driven by book publishers who think selling a lot is better than promoting something that's really good. It's hard to think that these people with all of their money are being taken advantage of, but they're being played off by their name rather than their talent."

But though any self-respecting English prof wouldn't add Jewel's *A Night Without Armor* to their course lists, you'd be just as hard pressed to find *Were the Bees* on Weaver's English 101 syllabus. "It's a bit slim to make my students read my work. The huge power dynamic that exists might limit my students' responses, good or bad," he says. "Then it would bring about all sorts of opportunities for people to suck up."

Bilingual Jorane fluent in music

Jorane

with Sarah Sloan and Jeremy Fisher

Horowitz Theatre

Thursday, 10 March at 8pm

ELIZABETH VAIL

Arts & Entertainment Writer

While other pop stars like Britney Spears are only so linguistically inclined as to speak a mixture of bubblegum English and Sexymoanese, Québécoise singer/composer/cellist Jorane is functionally trilingual. She grew up speaking French, learned English later on and has spoken through music her entire life.

"I like to think that my mother language is music," Jorane insists. "I think I express myself in a better way with music than words sometimes, and I think music is closer to my emotions than words."

Jorane grew up in Québec City while learning a variety of instruments. She learned piano when she was young, moved to classical guitar in her teens and took up the cello when she pursued a musical university education. Of all the instruments she plays, the cello ended up impressing her the most, and is the most prominent sound on her seven albums.

On her latest record *The You and the Now*, along with the accompanying album *Evapore*, Jorane has returned to adding lyrics to her normally instrumental songs, a move she hasn't made since her first album *Vent Fou*. Despite the fact that the rest of her albums are all instrumental, Jorane is confident that her fans will have nothing but appreciation for her return to wordplay.

"I don't think the style has changed that much ... I think it's just an evolution," she says. "I think that's what the fans like; to be surprised every time, to not know where I will go because I don't know either."

Whichever way she goes, for her recent albums, Jorane has gone to great lengths to make sure that she gets there in style. To help with the unfamiliar task of writing lyrics, she summoned veteran songwriters Lila Germano (John Mellencamp), Shira Myrow and Simon Wilcox (Randy Bachman) to help translate her personal emotions and stories into lyrics.



"I think this is really the most personal album [I have made]. There's a lot of real stories, and from a real personal emotion," Jorane says. "I co-wrote those lyrics, so it wasn't like something I asked them to write for me. We were sitting together face to face, I was telling them my stories and important things for me, and they listened to me a lot. We laughed, we cried; it was almost therapy."

Those with a mind to share in that therapy need only wait until Thursday when Jorane will be performing at the Myer Horowitz Theatre. And whether she performs in English or French, her music will likely have something to say.

Fool for fiery action and intelligent dialogue

Fool for Love

Directed by Kevin Sutley

Starring Nathan Cuckow, Daniela Vlaskalic,
Robert Cornies and Kevin Corey

The Roxy Theatre

Now Playing

EDMON ROTE

Arts & Entertainment Writer

Taking place in a cheap-looking motel room, complete with '60s interior design, *Fool for Love* explores the love/hate relationship between May (Daniela Vlaskalic) and Eddie (Nathan Cuckow).

May is an attractive young woman who's trapped within the confines of the motel room as she waits for her boyfriend Martin (Kevin Corey) to take her to the movies. Her other lover, long-time high-school sweetheart Eddie—modelled after the masculine image of the Marlboro man—is always threatening to leave her alone in the motel room. That way, Eddie can visit his mysterious unseen lover, a wealthy woman known only as The Countess. As a result, May is constantly begging and pleading with Eddie not to leave.

The audience is also entertained by the wince-crack remarks and ramblings of the old man in the rocking chair (Robert Cornies), a spirit-like being who acts as a kind of conscience and mentor for both May and Eddie. The old man later reveals that, like May and Eddie, he didn't subscribe to monogamy either, engaging in a



love triangle involving a double life.

Midway through the play, the audience is shocked to learn that the old man has a past connection to both May and Eddie, a connection that later implicates an incestuous relationship between the two main characters, escalating the conflict between them.

Tensions especially rise when Eddie enters the room with a pump-action shotgun. Cuckow's Eddie will remind theatregoers of Tennessee Williams' male characters; Eddie's aggression and gruffness is very Stanley Kowalski.

However, Eddie's hostility towards his partner is counterbalanced by May's morbid, twisted,

yet witty dialogue (one memorable quote: "I can smell your thoughts before you even think them").

Fortunately, there is some respite from the play's intense drama. The innocence and naïveté Corey imbues Martin with provides some comic relief. The old man also provides some laughs for the audience, especially when he looks off into the distance and mutters lines such as, "I'm actually married to Dolly Parton in my mind!"

With its non-stop action, contentious moments, onstage door-slapping, fight scenes, and intelligent dialogue, it would be foolish to overlook this play.

Everything I need to know I learned on *American Idol*

It's no more entertaining than karaoke night at the nearest pub, but *Idol*'s a top-notch school of rock



MICHAEL
LAROCQUE

are at least a few singers out there who only purport to be just that—singers—and not some critically legitimate artist who gained fame after tons of hard work.

Ah, if only that were all it took to justify three nights of televised karaoke every week.

No, there is indeed more to this defense, and that, ironically enough, is the music. Sure, the contestants don't write their own songs, but it's not the albums they release that I'm praising, it's the actual music they sing on the show—and as unlikely as it seems, it's pretty damn good.

The show has featured episodes dedicated to the works of Elton John, Billy Joel, Neil Sedaka, Diane Warren and the Bee Gees, as well as nights where the music is selected from various genres such as Motown, soul, country and even disco.

Working at a swimming pool where music is playing nearly all the time, I was surprised to see that a group of young girls knew songs off the Billy Joel album I was blaring on the loudspeakers. They said that they had heard it on *American Idol*. That's pretty awesome.

Say what you will against the show, but a television program that not only exposes kids to music—classic, time-tested music—but actually makes them get into it enough that they know the lyrics, has to have some redeemable qualities.

I tend to give anyone under 13 a free pass when it comes to their taste in music, so seeing tweens listening to music I didn't get into until high school shows that *Idol* must be doing something right.

I don't expect *American Idol* to start

An innocent young lad or lass first discovering the pleasures of inspired pop music is a magnificent thing. Yes, that magical moment can come in many forms; a first live show, dusting off Dad's old vinyl collection or sitting down in front of the TV to watch *American Idol*.

I'll give you that watching *American Idol* can be a nauseating experience for most people. An amateur hour of karaoke all in the name of glamorizing a group of potential "stars" can be hard to take, and seeing them sell millions of records afterwards can be upsetting, to say the least. But in an industry that prizes looks over talent and instant success over paying dues, avoiding pre-packaged pop stars is nearly impossible, and quite frankly, there are worse things to watch than *American Idol*.

Accepting the fact that these teen pin-ups are getting chummed out whether we like it or not, the *American Idol* process strikes me as the lesser of two evils. Sure, they're throwing another one-hit wonder into the mix, but I'm less offended watching the public choose their bubblegum pop in a fairly transparent competition than having Ashlee Simpson paraded under the pretense that she is a *de facto* musician. I find it slightly comforting that for every kid who spends his or her time rocking out to Hilary Duff, there



Josh Martinez

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ADAM GAUMONT

Arts & Entertainment Writer

It's refreshing to know that there are still hip-hoppers out there who still put the music first, josh Martinez does just that on his new album *Midriff Music*, a surprisingly mature and inspired, if brief, blend of rhymes and rhythms.

Whether you like hip hop or not, this is one of the best-mixed albums you'll ever hear.

Each track is laid down on a unique, urban beat—sew together seamlessly and brilliantly. Spoken-word clips (though occasionally of irrelevant subject matter), samples and other sound bites are tightly woven throughout the album, keeping a constant rhythm and keeping the listener engaged from start to finish.

But the best part about this album is its willingness to delve into inspired and prolonged instrumental jams. Songs such as "Tranzar," and "Time Alone" offer catchy, highly developed rhythms that draw the listener in, taking on several extended musical journeys, sans vocals. This rare respect that's given to the listener's attention span is rewarding, and leaves hope for today's watered-down hip-hop scene.

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Wednesday, 9 March at 10pm

WHITNEY TUSHINGHAM
Arts & Entertainment Writer

The members of Calgary's Palm and Sago are college graduates, and if their heady songwriting is any indication, you can tell they were a bunch of English 101 keeners.

"As a songwriter, I tend to write metaphorically," says front woman Clea Roddick. "I'm trying to connect not just my own experiences, but also on a broader experience."

"I write a lot of poetry, and sometimes I put the poetry to song. I also write a lot of stream of consciousness just at the piano. I'll sit there and flow and see what's coming out of me at four in the morning."

CLEA RODDICK, SINGER, PALM AND SAGO

A self-professed lover of Muddy Waters, Etta James, Bonnie Rait and Hawksley Workman, Roddick writes pretty, ambiguous lyrics that don't lack in wit.

"I write a lot of poetry, and sometimes I put the poetry to song. I also write a lot of stream of consciousness, just at the piano. I'll sit there and flow and see what's coming out of me at four in the morning," she says.

But don't confuse Roddick with your hippie grade-three teacher—the one who wore loose, flowing peasant



tops and always smelled of patchouli oil.

"I'm not afraid of saying, 'Okay, that is shit. I can come up with something better.' You can always come up with something better. Please don't rhyme moon and June."

As for the melodies, Roddick, along with her bandmates James Bailey, Craig Newnes and Adam Esposto (formerly of the Interstellar Roots Cela) blend the best of their favourite genres.

"We like folk music, we like funk and soul, and we play a bit of blues. But at the same time we play some pop-rock stuff too, and we're all very influenced by jazz."

As for what you can expect from their first, self-titled CD, Roddick says that Palm and Sago are all good friends who really clicked, and that shows on stage and in the studio. Bass player Newnes does all the recording himself in his own studio, and according to Roddick, takes his job pretty seriously.

"Even in the middle of college

he was recording an album," says Roddick.

"He actually drove himself to the point of having a seizure at the end of the school year because he was so exhausted. He's a worker bee."

And the band's do-it-yourself approach has less to do with sticking it to the man and more with using their own skills to their full potential.

Having farmed out the mastering to the same guy used by Swollen Members, Palm and Sago set up a good mic and let the good times roll.

With their album completed, the next goal for the band is to go international. The group wants to tour Europe as soon as possible. Yet they're still excited to come to Edmonton, and they aren't losing sight of what it's all about.

"We play the indie-rock venues and we play the folk venues; we play everywhere and we're just happy that there's a common ground. It's music that people are enjoying, so that's cool," says Roddick.



Kings of Leon
Aha Shake Heartbreak
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JAMES CATERALL
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Aha Shake Heartbreak is a gem of a CD—the kind where when you play it, the spirit of rock seems to revive itself.

Kings of Leon front man Caleb Followill's powerful, gravelly voice punches its way through the raunchy guitar work that characterizes the record's heavier songs. But fear not: Puddle of Nickel Creed's nail-on-chalkboard rough-voiced rock is not to be found here.

The album is particularly cohesive—not one song seems out of place—and is inspired by fun and occasionally bizarre subject matter. Take "Sober," the seventh track: Followill sings, "You paint my fingers and you paint my toes, you let your perfect nipple show."

Such lyrics might not mean much of anything to anyone outside of the band, but with a fantastic classic rock sound, this is still a brilliant investment in the future of the genre.



WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

The Students' Union is your voice. The leaders you elect will represent your interests to all levels of government, plan campus events, speak for you in the University community, and manage Students' Union-owned businesses.

You will also have the chance to approve or reject a proposed health plan (and associated annual fee).

It doesn't take long to learn more about the candidates and proposed health plan. Read through this Gateway supplement, or stop by a candidate table—invest just a few minutes to make the right choice. The candidates you elect will work all year to make sure you get the most out of your University of Alberta experience, so take the time to make an informed decision.

WHERE DO I VOTE, AND WHAT DO I NEED?

There will be polling stations across the University of Alberta campus on Wednesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 10. Most polling stations will be open from 9 AM to 5 PM, but the SUB polling station will have extended hours and be open until 7:30 PM both days.

In order to vote you will need your OneCard. No other form of ID will be accepted by poll clerks.

For a list of polling stations and other election-related information, please visit the SU Elections website.

The President is responsible for representing U of A students in the larger community and for the overall policy and operational direction of the Students' Union.



PRESIDENT



WAYNE POON

I love this campus! There is no other way of saying it, which is the reason that I am running for SU President. In my 6 years, I have been deeply involved with the Orientation program, 4 times as a volunteer and most recently I was the Orientation Volunteer Coordinator. I have also been involved with my faculty association, the Engineering Students' Society, as an event organizer and a volunteer.

As your President, I want to create a connection and a relationship between the SU Executive and the student body. I want to set the foundation for a solid relationship with the new U of A President, Dr. Indira Samarasekera. In addition, I want to work with both the U of A and the government to develop a long-term solution to post-secondary funding. I want to revive the campus bars, and I want to ensure that Augustana students become integrated into the U of A community.

You can find more information about me and my platform at www.waynepoon.ca, or email me at votewaynepoon@gmail.com with your questions. I look forward to meeting many of you.

Vote Wayne Poon for SU President on March 9 and 10.

MUSTAFA HIRJI

Although the SU generally identifies student issues well, it rarely gets the job done. Worse, the SU is complacent with its mediocrity. Some of the improvements I propose include:

1. More Professional Government Lobbying and Advocacy
The government is revising its tuition fee policy, so affordability must be our top priority. Influencing government is a two-pronged approach: changing public opinion and influencing the bureaucracy that advises government. For the former, we need to use polling and focus groups to craft the most attractive message possible; for the latter, we need to actually do it!

2. A Strategic Approach to Improving the Quality of Education
From curriculum to prioritizing teaching ability when hiring professors, most decisions critical to education quality are faculty-level decisions. Yet, the SU lobbies only central administration. We need to co-operate with faculty associations to address faculty-level policies.

3. A Real Plan to Enrich Student Life

The SU offers many events and services without a vision for how these should fit together to build campus community and a network of student support. It's time the SU constructed a real plan to tie services, events, faculty associations, residences, and Orientation into a strategy for enriching student life.

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DANNY BENNETT

Hey, my name is Danny Bennett and I'm running to be your Student Union President this upcoming year.

Just a bit about myself: right now I'm in the faculty of Science, but will be transferring to the faculty of Education pretty quick. In the future, I plan on going into Education Administration to make a few changes in the Alberta Education system.

This past year I served as the President of the Latter-day Saint Student Association, as well as the sports rep the year before. I also spent two years on a mission in Arizona, where I filled multiple positions of leadership.

The experience that I gained in these positions has led me to forget myself in the service of others. I have a sincere desire to contribute to the improvement of this University and the well-being of the students here.

As your SU president, I want to represent you and let your voice be heard. I am an advocate of purposeful change and know the value of hard work. I will focus on the issues that I know matter to you.

Your voice is important to me. You can email me at dcb3@ualberta.ca to let your voice be heard.



ALEX ABBoud

My name is Alex Abboud, and I'm running for President of the Students' Union because I would like to improve our quality of education, and student life on campus. This year, as VP External of the Students' Union, and Chair of the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) - our provincial lobby group, I've worked with students across the province towards our recent tuition freeze, and a better deal for all of us. As President, I will build on this year's results and work to better our campus.

- * Continue working to lower our tuition.
- * Expand fitness facilities on campus.
- * Establish Athletics Week to promote varsity and recreation programs.
- * Ensure around-the-clock access to campus by continuing 24-hour study space in SUB and pushing for 24-hour computer lab access.
- * Create a 24-hour SU Infoline.
- * Increase the reliability of WebCT programs, post professor evaluations on Beartracks, and complete the campus wireless Internet network.
- * Lower prices in RATT and the Power Plant.
- * Use our facilities to attract more events to campus.

For more information on my platform, check out www.alexabboud.ca

Experience Gets Results.
On March 9th and 10th vote Alex Abboud for President.



GRAHAM LETTNER

Hello! My name is Graham Lettner, and I want to be your next Students' Union President. I will implement fresh, creative solutions that will directly address the problems facing our students. I will bring an uncompromising set of principles to the Students' Union that will always place students as our first priority.

I will:

- * Fight for sustained funding from the province by not settling for one-off rebates that obscure the real crisis in post-secondary education.
- * Improve the academic environment by increasing opportunities for student-professor interactions outside of the classroom.
- * Increase bar profits by strengthening our reputation as a showcase for student talent and a venue for student groups.
- * Create an online space for students to post written professor evaluations, giving students the ability to view meaningful critical feedback.
- * Host town halls that will give students an opportunity to obtain real answers from their Students' Union executive, university administration, and provincial government.

Visit www.lettner.ca for more ideas and information, and be sure to take advantage of the candidate forums and printed materials available to you.

This year, the Students' Union needs bold innovative leadership. On March 9th and 10th, vote Graham Lettner for President



SPANKY THE WONDER ELF

A little gnome with some BIG ideas.

Spanky is a 4th year gnome in Elf Studies. In his tenure at the University, he has noticed some severe deficiencies in the way the SU is run. So he has decided to run for SU President, because Spanky wants to see a change!

His concerns include the quality of food services present on campus, parking issues, tuition, student safety, and school spirit. Spanky is a president for every student - being short, he's got his ear to the ground, and will use a network of well-placed campus informants (and you thought those bunnies were just being cute!) to keep tabs on student concerns.

He realizes that the SU can only do so much in a year, so changes that they make need to count. Vote for Spanky, vote for a change!

Student Government

One of Canada's strongest student associations, the Students' Union represents the 25,000 undergraduate students at the University of Alberta. A nine-million dollar organisation with hundreds of paid and volunteer staff, the SU is a powerful advocate for students and a major provider of student services. The SU also operates number of business units, manages various targeted 'trust' funds, hosts a wide variety of entertainment and educational events, and runs the Students' Union Building.

All University of Alberta undergraduates are members of the Students' Union.

PRESIDENT



The Students' Union has a proud history of evolving and adapting to meet the needs of its members.

The SU has always been a strong advocate for students, and can point to a long history of accomplishments, such as building SUB and HUB Mall and successfully advocating for increased student representation at the Board of Governors and General Faculty Council. In recent years, the Students' Union has created a number of new services such as Safewalk and the Student Financial Aid and Information Centre; established the Legacy, Access, Student Involvement Endowment, and Campus Rec Enhancement Funds; opened new businesses (SUBtitles, the Empty Pocket, VIDS, and the Print Centre); renovated SUB twice; and helped advocate (successfully!) for reduced bus pass prices and for increases to the education tax deduction -- and that's just a few of the things the SU has been doing for you!

Past SU alumni include such persons as Peter Lougheed (SU President, 1951-52), Joe Clark (Gateway Editor-in-Chief, 1959-60), and a former U of A Dean of Law Tim Christian (President, 1970-71).



VP ACADEMIC

MATHIEU JOHNSON



The Vice President (Academic) deals with concerns and initiatives that are academic in nature, including things like teaching quality, university academic regulations, and textbook costs.

My name is Mathieu Johnson. I would like to be your Vice President Academic because I would like a chance to improve our learning environment at the UofA.

There are tremendously exciting opportunities coming up, where learning can put in the spotlight in the university and on the public stage. The new president, Indira Samarasesekera, has made it clear that the undergraduate learning experience is a priority to her. The new academic plan

has put learning front and center on its list of priorities, and with the government finally getting seriously involved in the post secondary arena, I see these as three opportunities for the betterment of undergraduate learning at the UofA.

I would also like to help students take initiative to improve their own learning environment by giving faculty associations tangible support for academic advocacy. Considering that the faculties

control a lot of the education policy, not the university administration, it puts the FAs in a better position to effect change on these fronts than direct SU advocacy; however, FAs need support or the tasks look impossible to complete. With the proper support faculty associations will be able to effect changes such as midterm evaluations for lectures.



VP EXTERNAL

SAMANTHA POWER



The Vice President (External) is responsible for Students' Union relations with government and the larger community.

The Vice President External's responsibility is to advocate for student needs to all levels of government in order that decisions on student loans, tuition levels and university funding reflect our best interest. In order to ensure proper representation I believe we must focus on strengthening our presence at the legislature. The Premier holds daily "media availabilities" while the legislature is sitting. The S.U. should be there to raise the Premier's awareness of our goals, and build rela-

tions with the opposition parties who indirectly affect government policy.

The S.U. and the Council of Alberta University Students need to develop one clear message and consistently push it in both budget and earned media campaigns. We must also be creating coalitions with other post secondary lobby organizations to share resources and capture government attention to ensure effective lobbying efforts. With experience

working within the Students' Union, with other advocacy groups, and the news media, I believe I am the best candidate to achieve these goals for students. The next few months will be integral in ensuring new tuition policy will work for students and that this tuition freeze is not a one-time event, students need strong representation ready to work for them immediately.



TIM SMITH

My name is Tim Smith and I am running for Vice President External of the Students' Union. I am a 3rd year Undergraduate in the Faculty of Arts, majoring in Sociology. I am currently the Vice-President of Kelsey Hall and Chair of the History & Archives Committee with the Lister Hall Students' Association. Last year I was honored to be named Floor Coordinator of the year and the recipient of the Norma Nicholson Award for compassion in the resi-

dence community. In my spare time I enjoy playing violin in the campus-born band 'Kitchen's Passport' and am an active member of the Kappa Alpha Literary Society.

I have gained invaluable leadership and community building skills through living in residence and my involvement in organizations both on and off campus. As VP External, I look forward to applying what I have learned from

these experiences to the SU and working hard to provide accountable, approachable government.

If you would like to learn more about me and my initiatives for the upcoming year, please visit my website at www.timsmith.ca or attend one of the election forums across campus. Remember, on March 9th and 10th, vote Tim Smith for Vice President External.

The Vice President (Operations and Finance) is responsible for managing the Students' Union's more than \$9,100,000 budget.

My name is Jason Tobias and I am running for Vice President Operations and Finance.

The Students' Union has a mandate to serve undergraduate students but has diverged from this role in the past few years and re-positioned itself as an advocacy body. In order to be relevant to the average student, the SU needs to honestly assess whether it is living up to its stated purpose.

After five years of leadership in student groups within the SU, I understand that change is a slow, incremental process. My experience includes two years on Students' Council, one year on the SU Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement board, and involvement at the faculty level.

As Vice President Operations and Finance, I will:

- 1) Focus SU services on the ac-

tual needs of undergraduate students.

- 2) Work with the University administration to identify and consolidate wasted resources.
- 3) Explore new ways to improve the profitability of Students' Union businesses.
- 4) Not take myself too seriously.

Check out www.ualberta.ca/~jtobias/main.html for more detailed information.

VP OPERATIONS AND FINANCE



JASON TOBIAS



The Vice President (Student Life) is responsible for all non-academic aspects of student life, from working with residences to planning events like Week of Welcome.

With my broad range of campus involvement, I will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position of Vice-President Student-Life. As the current Vice-President (Activities) for the University of Alberta Science Undergraduate Society, a member of the SU Academic Affairs Board, a Student Distress Centre volunteer, and former Lister Hall Academic Coordinator, I have seen all aspects of the student experience. From these positions, I have developed the leadership and orga-

nizational skills that are essential to be an effective Vice-President Student-Life. I also understand the issues that students face, and the importance of informing students about the various services available to help them.

As your Vice-President Student-Life, I will:

- * work with student services to create programming initiatives to make students more aware of these valuable resources
- * implement new campus bar

events and make sure that students know about them

- * provide needed resources to student groups, as well as volunteer appreciation events
- * implement parking advocacy efforts

Campus life is so much more than just going to classes, and I will work hard to ensure that you get the most out of your student experience. On March 9 and 10, vote Carolyn Nowry for Vice-President Student-Life!

VP STUDENT LIFE



CAROLYN NOWRY



The Student Life portfolio should be founded on this theme: fun with a purpose.

Throughout my three years on campus, I have had a lot of experience with the fun side of Student Life. Working closely with the Student Life Board and Programming Committee for the last two years, I helped to coordinate WoW, AntiFreeze, and many other events.

My two years on Students' Council and General Faculties Council have introduced me to the

more serious issues facing the VP Student Life. Student health and well-being need to be a main priority, as well as pursuing environmental initiatives and maintaining communication with residences.

As an Orientation Team Facilitator, I have a strong background with Student Services. With the recent addition of another satellite campus, the SU needs to ensure that adequate services are being provided to both Augustana and Faculté Saint-Jean.

Fostering the campus community is of utmost importance. This can be best achieved by supporting Student Groups, which connect many students to the SU, and utilizing quality events and programming to bring students together.

For more information about my platform and experience, pick up a pamphlet at one of my campaign tables and check out my website at www.ualberta.ca/~jkehoe.

JUSTIN KEHOE





BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SHAWNA PANDYA



ADAM COOK



The Board of Governors Representative sits on the University Board of Governors, the highest governing body of the University. The Board of Governors is responsible for setting tuition, managing University finances, approving new buildings, and setting the strategic direction of the University.

In my three years at the U of A, my experiences with SU and General Faculties' Councils, Orientation, the Science Undergrad Society and Debate have given me an understanding of the issues that are most relevant to students: tuition, quality of education, and development of the campus community.

If elected to the BOG position, I plan to hold consultation forums

at regular intervals throughout the year to encourage dialogue between the student body and the BOG, so students are aware of upcoming changes at the University, and to strengthen student input at the Board level. Secondly, in a year where we are privy to a tuition freeze and new provincial tuition policy, it is crucial that the undergraduate rep lobby for a plan that makes tuition affordable over the long-term, rather

than over the course of one year. Finally, I intend to strengthen student input into the academic policies and visions of the University. Specifically, I think it is important for the university to address the need for distinctions between exams testing for applied and pure knowledge, and also to address the issue of creating an accessible education whose quality does not suffer because of large class sizes.

As a student on this campus over the last few years, I've seen tuition go up every year, and our student representatives at the Board of Governors do very little to affect any change. From my involvement in student politics I've seen what works and what doesn't in dealing with the administration and I will use that knowledge to push a student-driven agenda at the Board. By being proactive in bringing forward student initiatives to the Board of Governors, I

will make tangible improvements to the quality of education and student experience at this institution.

As your Board of Governors Representative, I will:

- * Work with the SU to bring forward a comprehensive proposal to address the upcoming revision of the government's long-term tuition fee policy
- * Advocate for student representation on faculty budget committee

to ensure students are the priority at all decision-making levels

- * Spearhead a comprehensive review of the current university experience to ensure undergraduates are getting everything they should be from their time at university, from interdisciplinary studies to extracurricular activities

For more on my experience and platform visit www.adamcook.ca.



HEALTH PLAN REFERENDUM

YES

Over the past decade, a number of cuts have been made to the Alberta Health Care program that has resulted in fewer and fewer items being covered. As this happens, it has become clear that provincial coverage isn't enough. The SU has researched and proposed a health plan for undergraduates that would cover:

- * Prescription medication (antibiotics, birth control, insulin): 80% coverage, no max
- * Vision Care: \$50/24 months for exams, \$75/24 months for glasses or contacts
- * Ambulance: 80% coverage

* Health Care Services and Equipment (crutches, wheelchair, x-rays): 80%

* Supplementary Health (Physio, Psychologist, Dietician, Athletic Therapist etc): 100%, \$20 per visit, \$300/category/year.

* Accidental Dental: 80% reimbursement, \$1000 / insured/accident

* Out of Province/Country: \$1,000,000 lifetime maximum

* Vaccinations: 80% up to \$150 per year

* Tutoring if classes missed due to illness: 100% coverage, \$15/hour, \$2000/year

* Accidental Death and Dis-

memberment: \$5000 principle, \$10,000 for quadriplegia

Most colleges and universities in Canada already provide such a service, but in this case, the UofA remains wanting. For \$114 a year (less than \$10 a month) you can not only have the support you need to keep you studying, but you also have the ability to keep confidential information to yourself, rather than having to share such information with your parents. Already covered? Then opt out online, in a convenient on-campus office or through mail.

Unlike the U-pass that was pro-

posed last year, this is cheaper, has an opt out and if passes will be implemented in September 2005.

It's like an airbag. You don't always use it, but when you do, you'll be glad it's there.

Your health, your choice. Vote Yes.

For complete information on the selection process and coverage, go to www.su.ualberta.ca/healthplan

NO

You were supposed to get a tuition freeze. Instead, your students' union wants you to pay for an unsustainable, unaffordable, and unnecessary health plan that'll put money in the pockets of the insurance industry, while taking it out of yours.

Sure, a health plan looks like a good idea – until you do the math! Because of the way insurance works, on average, students get less out of the health plan than they put in. And, the more

students use the plan, the less they can get out of it. It's no coincidence that most schools with health plans had their plan's benefits decrease, fees increase, or both.

A mandatory health plan hurts students who are already struggling to afford school. They're likely not going to be covered by their own insurance, so they're going to be forced to stay in the plan, even if they don't want to. Additionally, student loan limits

won't be going up to accommodate the health plan, so that's money that you're going to have to pay up front, out of pocket. The new \$114 fee is the same as a 2.5% increase in tuition, and that's money that can't be used for groceries, textbooks, transportation, or rent.

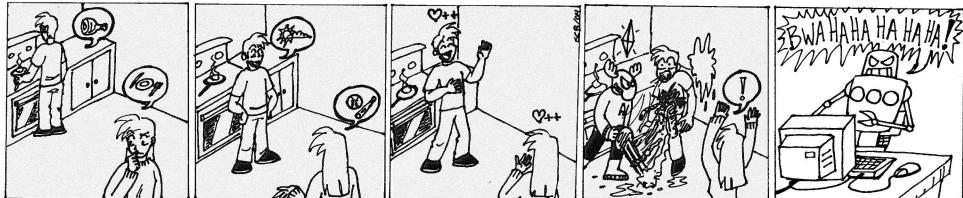
Not only does it hurt students, but it's not even needed: last year, uninsured students spent an average of \$35 on all health and dental care, according to the SU's own survey. The proposed plan cov-

ers only a few services, and costs three times as much.

Why should the SU try raising your student fees for a health plan you don't even need? It just doesn't add up.

Visit SUHealthPlan.ca and vote NO on the health plan, March 9th and 10th.

LOGIC PUZZLE by Scott C Bourgeois and James Storie



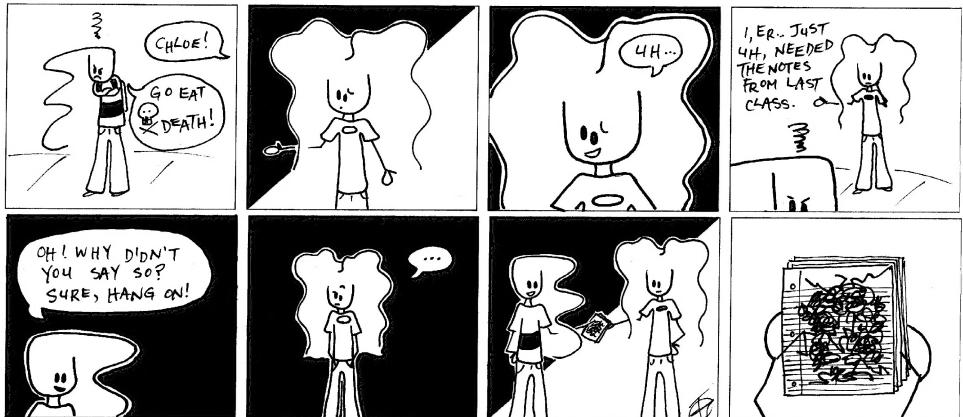
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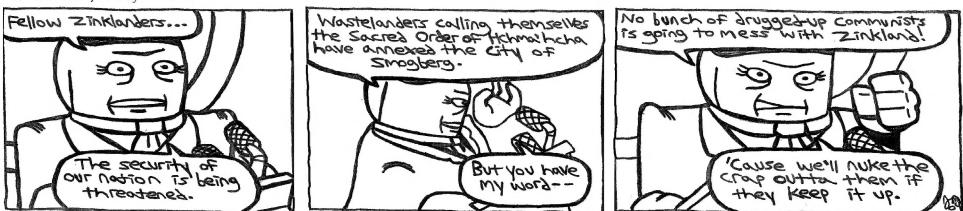
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PERSONALS

Well, I've been hired to be the Editor-in-Chief of this paper next year.

I guess that means that someone else will be filling in these extra spaces in the classifieds section.

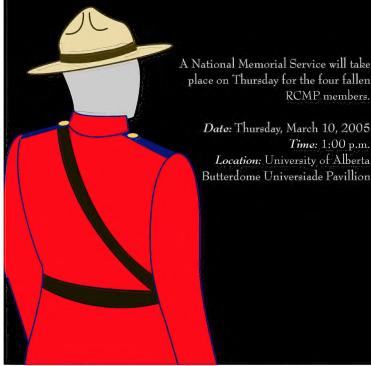
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Our deepest sympathies go out to the families, friends and fellow officers of these four men who gave their lives to serve and protect Canadian citizens.



A National Memorial Service will take place on Thursday for the four fallen RCMP members.

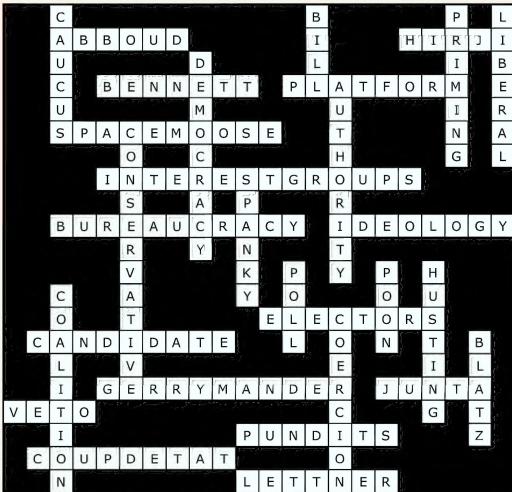
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CROSSWORD

Answer key to the Thursday, 3 March crossword puzzle



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